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HOWARD UNIVERSITY WILL SHARE IN FUND

PROF. MILLER PRESENTS ARGUMENT

In Convincing Manner—Dr. Underwood of Kentucky Sees President Taft—Death of Hon. John F. Cook.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

Washington, January 26.—At two sessions of the Senate committee on agriculture and forests eanest and eloquent arguments have been presented to show that the District of Columbia should share in the benefits of the Morrill act, which provides for a fund for the establishment and maintenance of a department of scientific agriculture in various educational institutions in the states and territories. President C. W. Needham appeared in the interest of George Washington University, a white college, in the behalf of which Senator Gallinger has offered an amendment to the original act. Prof. Kelly Miller presented the case of the 100,000 colored citizens of the District, suggesting that the amount alloted be placed at the disposal of Howard University, which was in a position to utilize it to the best advantage of the race in this community. Prof. Miller's argument was so convincing that the committee has decide dt oincorporate in the Gallinger amendment a clause granting to Howard University the privilege of sharing with George Washington University whatever moneys may be appropriated under the law in aid of the study of scientific agriculture.

Prof. Miller told of the peculiar advantage that would accrue to the Negro people from a study of agriculture under the unparalleled opportunities enjoyed at the nation's capital, situated as it is within easy access to the greatest scientific libraries and museums in the country, and reaching such an aggregation of students who represented so many sections of the United States, and extending even beyond th borders of our continent. The civilized world looks to Washington for its lessons in educational methods, and is eager to note the results we achieve. With 85 per cent. of the Negro race dependent upon agriculture for their living it was highly essential that they be given the very broadest opportunity to secure from the soil the most generous gifts which nature makes possible for industry to bring forth. Howard University, he argued, should be the beneficiary of the fund in the District, because it offered the widest range of influence and could most speedily and effectively qualify for the purposes desired by the Morrill act. Howard University, he stated, is nonsectarian, public and national in character. He urged that of the proposed allotment, George Washington University should have seven-tenths, and that Howard should have three-tenths, believing that, all things considered, this was an equitable adjustment.

If the fund were devoted entirely to the white institutions," declared Prof. Miller, "and the colored institution is passed by, it would be an unwholesome example to the states. In the South sixteen schools benefit by the act; but in not a single one can be had a full collegiate training for agriculture. There is a special need," he added, "for a school where such high training can be given.

"Although there is no agricultural college at Howard now," he explained, "there is a provision for such an institution in the charter, and steps will be taken to open such a college if the benefits of the Morrill land act be extended to it. It will also enable the University," he added, "to perfect its projected schools of engineering. The work of the scientific department, soon to be housed in a $90,000 structure on the Howard campus, will be promoted beyond measure by the aid thus given.

"Students at Howard," continued Prof. Miller, "come from thirty-five states, and many foreign countries. It is, therefore, particularly national in its scope of training. Howard believes," he explained, "it is the climax of educational training for the colored race, and is fully prepared to undertake this extremely helpful branch of constructive endeavor, and thus add to the constantly broadening sphere of influence for the school and strengthen its arm for the mission for which it was established.

"As a simple matter of justice to the 100,000 colored people of the District, and for the splendid service Howard can render to the race throughout the land, we think the Morrill act should be extended to the District of Columbia, to benefit Howard University as well as George Washington University," said Prof. Miller in concluding his able and exhaustive argument.

It is the belief of those on the inside that the Gallinger amendment, carrying the Howard University clause, inserted through the sturdy efforts of Prof. Miller, will be passed by Congress. Leading members of the Senate have declared in its favor, and in the House it has a host of stalwart champions.

Among those assisting Prof. Miller in pushing the claims of Howard before the Senate committee were Dr. John R. Francis, Joseph H. Stewart, Dr. J. R. Wilder, Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church; Mr. Whitfield McKinlay and others.

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The visit of Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., to the national capital has undoubtedly strengthened his chances for official preferment of high grade, and given the White House a most favorable view of one of Kentucky's thoroughbred gentlemen. The President was deeply impressed with the bearing of Dr. Underwood, and with the endorsements submitted by his friends, and there can be no doubt that the Blue Grass State is "on the cards" for handsome recognition at an early date. While here Dr. Underwood was the guest of Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, the noted architect, and he was the recipient of numerous social courtesies at the hands of the representative people of the city, who vied with one another in making his stay a pleasant one.

Dr. Underwood has made a political and professional record in the State of Kentucky of which any man might well feel proud. His long and successful career in the practice of medicine, his clean-cut labors as editor of the Blue Grass Bugle, an agency for uplift in his community, and his exemplary performance of the duties of trustee of the Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute, and as secretary of the United States Board of Pension Examining Surgeons, all entitle him to the admiration and gratitude of a people ably served and inspired to lofty endeavor because of his presence among them.

Dr. Underwood's claim to preferment at this time is based upon long and self-sacrificing devotion to his party. For the past eighteen years he has given his time on the stump to expound stalwart Republicanism on the stump, and for the past twelve years he has wielded the editorial pen in the columns of his widely-read and highly influential newspaper in advocacy of the same end. In that period he has attended every State convention of the party and put his shoulder to the wheel for the men and measures that promised best for the welfare of the body politic. In all these years Dr. Underwood has been an ardent admirer and devoted lieutenant of Senator William O. Bradley, and has always followed the flag of his leadership "through evil as well as good report"—a fact which that eminent statesman no doubt remembers and appreciates, as he knows the value of loyalty and makes no concealment of his satisfaction over the staunch support his colored friends have given him from the outset of his political career. A proof of Senator Bradley's estimate of Dr. Underwood's qualities is found in the strong and unequivocal endorsement given by him a few days ago to the President of the United States, stating in effect, that the energetic Kentuckian was full worthy of the most responsible and honorable position at the disposal of the chief executive of the nation. Dr. Underwood's papers, now on file at the White House, are said to be of the "gilt-edged" variety, and assurance has been given that they will receive the most careful attention of the appointing power. In clear and explicit language his fitness and availability are set forth and emphasis is placed upon his upright character and personal popularity among his own people in the State. In support of the latter argument it will be remembered that, in 1904, when such excellent gentlemen and worthy party leaders as J. C. Jackson, of Lexington; W. D. Johnson, of Louisville; Rev. J. E. Wood, of Danville, and Rev. S. E. Smith and R. T. Berry, of Owensboro, made a thorough canvass for the honor, Dr. Underwood was elected on the first ballot as a delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention at Chicago, and voted for the one man before that convention—Theodore Roosevelt. The victory was purely personal, because all of the aspirants for the delegateship were, of necessity, for the nomination of the presidential incumbent whose selection was already foreshadowed. The particular office to which Dr. Underwood may be appointed is yet a matter of speculation, but that he is a strong favorite for the best that President Taft has in store for the colored brother is evidenced by the cordiality with which he was received by the controllers of political destiny at the executive mansion. The "Kentucky colofiy" hereabouts will be happy to have such an admirable addition should the fates ordain that he become a sojourner within our gates.

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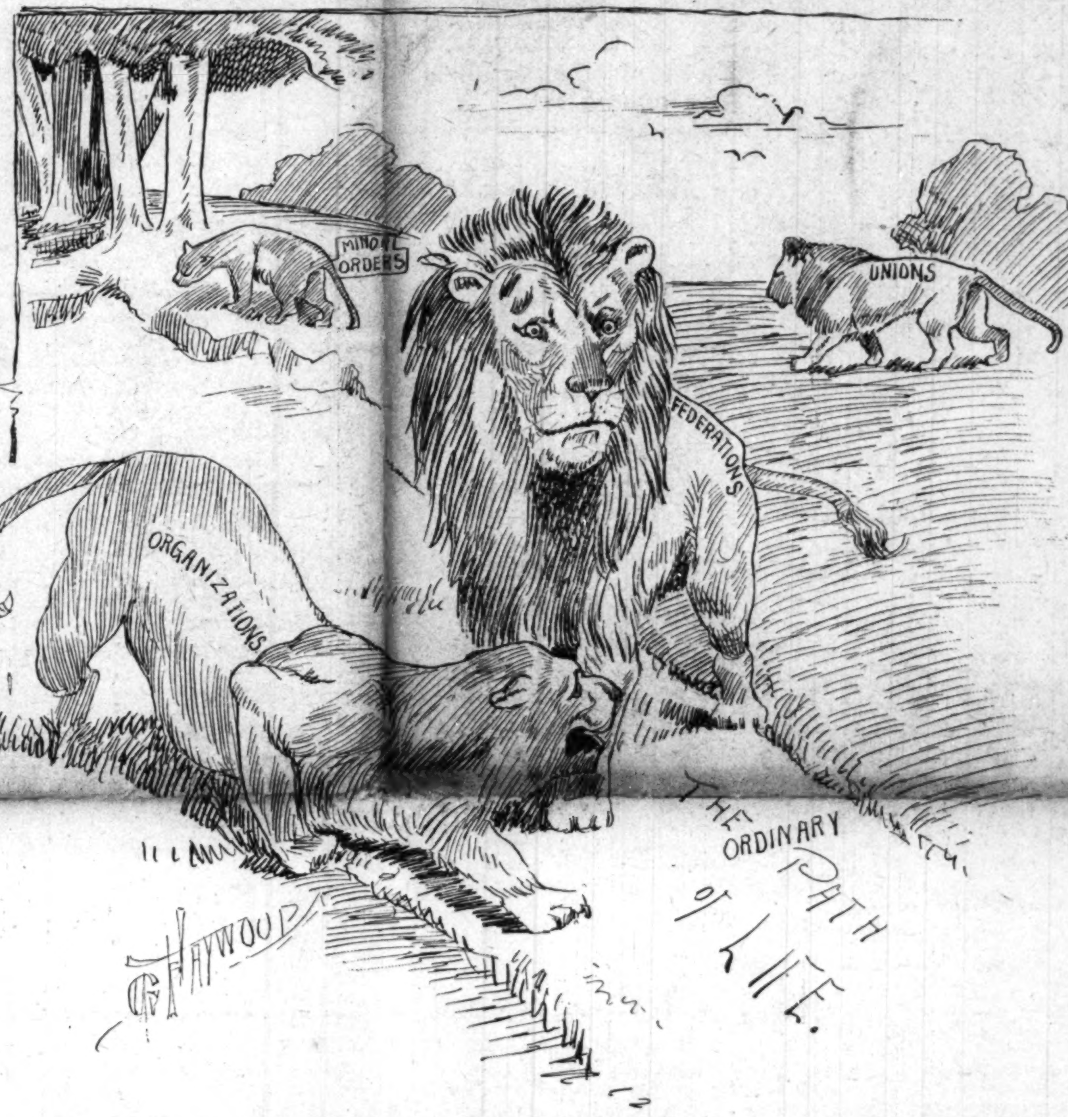
At the Howard University vesper services Sunday afternoon Bishop J. W. Smith, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered an effective sermon on "Christian Warfare," adapting an appeal to the militant followers of Christ to fight sin with the artillery, cavalry, infantry and navy of good works and right thinking, from the second epistle of Paul to Timothy, wherein the apostle exhorts his brethren to "Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life." The Bishop's discourse was instructive and interesting, and his characterization of the several denominations in military terms was well-worked out. The Music by the vested choir of the university was charming. The barytone solo by Mr. Jones and the anthem, "I Waited for the Lord," led by Miss Diggs, soprano, and Miss Davis, contralto, were pleasing features of the program. Bishop Smith was introduced by President W. P. Twirkiled, who had just returned from a visit to Tuskegee Institute, whither he went to attend the Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference and the Conference of Educational Workers, of which he spoke commendatory vein. On Wednesday afternoon Dr. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister to Liberia, addressed the faculty and student-body of the university in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, delivering his farewell message to the people of Washington, prior to sailing for his post at Monrovia. He is scheduled to leave about the first of February, and will be accompanied by Lieut. Benjamin Oliver Davis, who goes to Liberia as the military attache of the United States, the first officer of this kind this government has ever sent to the little African Republic. Lieut. Davis will keep the United States in touch with whatever military maneuvers the foreign powers may make on the Liberian frontier, and assist the Liberians in developing a means of national defense. Dr. Lyon, who is a most engaging gentlemen, called on your correspondent, in company with Commissioner Emmett J. Scott and Lieut. Davis, and gave an entertaining description of Liberia and its peculiar customs, telling also of some of the plans that have been mapped out for the intellectual and industrial advancement of the natives of that promising land. An industrial school, modeled after Tuskegee Institute, will be one of the first projects undertaken. With skill in agriculture, manufacturing and building, and capital to develop the wonderful resources of the Republic, Dr. Lyon thinks Liberia will one day become a power in the affairs of the Dark Continent. Dr. Lyon authorizes us to state that his work is in Liberia, and for a closer alliance in every honorable way between the United States and that Rpueblic, and that he is not now, has not been, and never will be, a candidate for the office of register of the treasury or any other place on these shores.

THE OBSTRUCTED PATH.



No ordinary man can pass through because of the beasts.

The minister goes away with the acclaim of his fellow countrymen ringing in his ears. He has been royally treated by the people everywhere, and returns to Liberia heartened for the work of his life, and is prepared to believe that some prophets are not without honor in their own land.

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Mr. G. W. Ellis, Secretary of Legation at Monrovia, Liberia, is expected in America in the spring.

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Prof. Kelly Miller was given a fine reception at Charlotte, N. C., where he was Emancipation Day orator.

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A "Tuskegee Society" is talked of by the hundreds of former graduates and teachers who have spent profitable seasons at the great bee hive of industry in the South's Black Belt.

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Director of Census Durand is well pleased with the hearty co-operation given him by the colored press in his effort to secure recognition for the race in the appointment of enumerators. The staff that Mr. Durand will name will embrace some of the very ablest Negro talent, and the showing of the race will be all that fair play and an exhaustive canvass can make it.

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Prof. R. R. Wright, of Georgia, was in the city Monday to meet his son, Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., who came down from Philadelphia on important business. It is understood that Prof. Wright has joined hands with Dr. Booker T. Washington in the 1913 exposition movement. Together they will make an invincible combination, and the friends of both are jubilant over the outlook for the semi-centennial, with all factions under one banner.

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Rev. Thomas J. Brown, who has given eminent satisfaction as rector of St. Luke's P. E. Church here, has received a call to the St. Mark's P. E. Church, Wilmington, N. C., but is being urged to decline the flattering offer extended and remain in Washington. Dr. Brown is one of the ablest pulpit orators of the Episcopal Church and has been mentioned in connection with the office of Suffragan Bishop, suggested by the last General Convention of the church.

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Hon. J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, former Minister to Liberia, is in the city looking after some Oklahoma land claims in the interest of Indians and half-breeds. Mr. Turner disclaims any further ambition to hold Federal office, and will be satisfied to round out his career with a victory for the nation's wards whose land is now in jeopardy. Mr. Turner seems to be enjoying perfect health, and his mellifluency of diction and silver-voiced periods show no signs of deterioration with age.

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The chaplaincy of the 10th Cavalry remains unfilled. Chaplain Anderson was retired a short time ago on account of ill health.

R. W. THOMPSON.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Middleton celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary Thursday night at their home, on Cochran street. Many of their friends were present to congratulate them and brought costly tokens of the esteem in which they are held, and the evening was enjoyably spent. Each guest toasted to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, which added to the sweetness of the occasion....The concert at St. John's Baptist Church, Monday night, was a financial success....Let the Negro merchants keep a good stock in their places of business, so that when a customer comes in they will not have to tell them so much "I haven't got what you want." Then a great change will be in the power of the Negro in every kind of business....The marriage of Mr. George Thompson and Miss Nina Johnson occurred at St. John's Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, at 8:30. A host of their friends were there to congratulate them....Mrs. Fannie L. Parks desires to thank the officers and members of Coronet Lodge of Odd Fellows for courtesies extended her since the death of her husband, and the endowment department for the promptness of payment in full of the claim. May you continue to administer to the faithful and worthy ones of the order throughout this broad land. ....Pride of the West and Oriental Companies, Nos. 4 and 15, Uniform Rank, of Dallas, elected the following officers Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the armory, 566 Main street: Captains, John L. Jones, J. G. Griffin; First Lieutenants, John Thomas, James Tolbert; Second Lieutenants, Thomas J. Harris, Prince Whitelow; Right Guards, Walter Harney, Charles Thomas; Sentinels, E. S. Madison, Ike Lacy; Quartermasters, George Murry, Leonard Kyles; Recorders, Johnnie Lewis, Isaac Mason; Treasurers, J. Bagsby Randall, Ph. Wilburn; Corporals, Hayward Pollard, Sam Morgan, Robert Moore, Columbus Cooper, Jack Simmons, D. Miller. Company drills are the order with these men. Other knights are always welcome. Both companies want good men to learn the tactics and the latest work in the uniform mdepartment. The friends of Oriental No. 15 will entertain the members and friends on Monday night, February 7, at the new club of Guess Whos, corner Main and Hawkin streets, by special invitation. Admission free. All the rooms have ben reserved for this occasion, so strive to be there Monday night. ....Mrs. M. C. Griffin is able to be up. ....When will the borrowing of The Freeman stop at your home? See Griffin at 190 Main street, and the copy each week is yours for the price. East Dallas patrons may get it at Griff's new cafe, Central avenue.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Special to The Freeman.

The revival services which are being held in this city are meeting with great success. Rev. Blackburn, of Homestead, and Mrs. R. Oldridge, of Pittsburg, are assisting Rev. T. J. Askew of the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Dabbs, of Reading, Pa., is at the Baptist Church....Miss Martha Furgason, well known in this city, departed this life last Friday noon. Her death was quite a shock to the community. Her remains will be taken to her home at Clinton V. C. for burial. She was well respected byall....Mrs. Charles Skinner, who has been visiting her parents in Virginia, is in the city. ....Mrs. Martha Streets has returned to her home in New Castle, after spending several days with her parents....Mr. John Tobias, who has been with the Florida Blossoms Minstrels, is home visiting friends and relatives....The sixth annual session of the presiding elders' council will be held at A. M. E Church January 25 and 26. It will be largely represented by a number of able divines of Ohio, West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. The program will be as follows: Hymn lined by Rev. J. S. Ferguson, D. D.; prayer, Rev. J. M. Gilmore, D. D.; music; scripture lesson, Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D.; welcome address, Burgess W. W. Hoyt; response, Rev. W. B. Anderson, D. D.; welcome on behalf of the district, Rev. W. S. Lowry, D. D.; response, Rev. Charles Dundy; music; welcome on behalf of the church, Mr. H. D. Howard; response, Rev. C. S. Gee, D. D.; music; welcome on behalf of Sunday school, M. E. H. Jones; response, Rev. E. H. Thomas; ;music; closing remarks, Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., LL. D.; offering.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The Elite Social Club will be entertained this week by Mrs. Noah Hubbard at 611 California avenue....Mr. G. P. Scott is on the sick list at his home on Napier street....Mr. Lewis Wesley invited Mr. L. Smith up to the club a few days ago to put on the mits with him. Mr. Smith knocked Mr. Wesley out, and he has just awakened. Wesley doesn't want to see the mits any more soon.... The Elite Club is planning to give its first annual reception at the American Hall, February 24....Mr. V. Smith has furnished a very pretty private dining room at the Coterie Club....K. Black and J. B. Allen have opened a first-class sanitorium....Mrs. G. W. Bland entertained the St. P. Ruffin Club last week at her home on Court street. The club was well attended. Mrs. Nick Alston will entertain the club this week at Mishawaka....Rev. A. Smith was in Gary Sunday, and Rev. Dungy filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. Church, West Monroe street....Miss Ella Bragg and Miss Daisy Bland leave for Benton Harbor, Mich., Thursday, to attend a ball and to visit friends. They will return Monday. ....Mr. Roberts, of Chicago, was in the city last week looking for a location to open a tailor shop. He was the guest of Mr. Noah Hubbard, California avenue. ....Mr. L. Bufford is now manager of the skating rink....The Freeman can be obtained from William Manning at the Oliver Hotel.

MINEOLA, TEXAS.

The weather is warm in the South. The farmers are getting ready to go to work....Mrs. Dillie Shields has been very sick, but is now better....Mr. Bate Turman has a good farm to rent two miles from town. He has the best of land....Mr. Gary Brown and Miss Ola Davis were married last week.

BEAUMONT, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Sunday was clear and bright, but somewhat chilly. Our churches and Sunday-schools were largely attended....The members of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church are beginning to realize the worth of Rev. J. W. Laws, their new pastor, and the attendance for the services is on the increase....Mr. Jacob Brown, one of the oldest members of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, is seriously ill at his home in the South End....The banquet by the Knights Templars, December 27, was the hit of the season....Beaumont has witnessed in the last thirty days the coldest weather for many years.

THE PROVIDENT HOSPITAL

SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION AT CHICAGO

KEEPING THE LAW OF THE MASTER

Bearing One Another's Burdens—Number of Women in Training—Col. Marshall Pushing Plan for New Armory.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Special to The Freeman.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—During your correspondent's stay in Chicago we availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit the Provident Hospital. We were greeted by Mr. Thomas Anderson, who has made a very competent clerk for the institution for years. We were shown all through the institution by Miss Cora F. Wilkerson, of Paris, Ky., a member of the senior class. We noted with pleasure the absolute cleanliness of the institution and the businesslike methods by which Provident is carried on. We learned that the general work of the institution has progressed favorably and gives promise of a helpful and beneficial year to the colored people. This dispensary advantages have been liberally distributed and one-third of the hospital work has been entirely charitable. The training school for nurses shows an enviable record for proficiency and standing, and last year seven young colored women were graduated and received their diplomas as professional trained nurses, making a total of nearly one hundred who have gone out from this institution to earn their living and to be of use to others wherever their lots may be cast. The district nurses have been very faithful in visiting among the colored people and in extending their administrations to all who were in need of them.

We learn that the Woman's Auxiliary Board has been of invaluable benefit, while the Advisory Board, which represents so many active society and church organizations among the colored people of the city, has been extremely helpful and the institution is grateful for their assistance.

The milk laboratory is doing a splendid work and is one of the most interesting auxiliaries. The infants' feedings which it prepares and distributes are in constant and increasing demand and many anxious mothers appreciate their efficiency. Provident Hospital is one of the most commendable institutions, not only in the city of Chicago, but in the United States, for it is trying to fulfill the "Law of Christ" in bearing one another's burdens irrespective of color. It extends a hand to all, yet a large proportion of the patients are colored.

The institution was founded in 1891, and among its ardent supporters are Dr. Daniel Williams, Dr. Chas. Bently, Dr. Geo. C. H. Hall, Dr. Allen Wesley, Herman H. Kohlsaat, Geo. H. Webster, Duncan C. Milner, Mrs. Minnie H. Ahrens and Vina Allen.

The nurses that are now in training are the following seniors: Mrs. Emma Thompson, Kansas; Anna M. Ayers, Virginia; Martha Simpson, Ohio; Carrie R. Pratt, Illinois; Beulah McCornell, Illinois; Cora Wilkerson, Kentucky. Juniors—Myrtle Arbuckle, Iowa; Ella Sykes, Mississippi; Suemiza Price, Georgia; Charlotte Thompson, Arkansas; Anna McSondon, Nebraska; Pearl Duncan, Nebraska; Sephronia McCall, Texas; Ophelia Nilson, Indiana; Miss Ellen Thomas, New York. Freshmen—Miss Mary Hampton, New York; Miss Mary Hargood, Indiana; Ethel Trent, Illinois; Blanch Dixon, Massachusetts; Sadie Harris, Georgia, and Sarah Hale, Arkansas.

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Mr. John Hedge, of Iowa, is at the Pekin Theater, wrestling with trained ponies. It is among the best numbers on the bill.

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Miss Caretia Day, one of the leading actresses on the stage has returned to the city after a pleasant trip to the Buckeye State. Miss Day is now in vaudeville.

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Mr. J. Ed. Green, who has been very ill, has left Provident Hospital and is now staying at his home on State street. Mr. Sylvester Russell, the stage critic, is endeavoring to head a benefit entertainment for Mr. Green.

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Miss Irene Johnson, who has been visiting Mrs. Mayme Clinkscale, has been charmingly entertained since during the week of the Christmas holidays. Miss Johnson is a resident of Pittsburg and will leave at an early date for that city.

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Willie Adams, a Louisville boy, is in the tailor business on State street near Thirtieth. He is doing a splendid business. Mr. Adams is a journeyman tailor and one of the best cutters in the city. He is making preparation for a heavy Easter trade.

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Mr. John Clark, a railway mail clerk on the Southern Railroad, a graduate of the Central high school, Louisville, has been in the city for several days on a business trip. Mr. Clark was given many social functions by his personal frineds that hail from the State of Kentucky.

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It would take several weeks to find out the number of people that own property in the City of Chicago. It is known, however, that they own more fine houses than in any other city in the United States. A number of colored men have become very wealthy by engaging in the real estate business. Most of the prominent colored people live in their own two and three-story homes or in flats. Most of the homes are beautifully furnished and are on popular streets.

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Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been in the city for five weeks

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Found in Our Mail Bags.

"Read By a Great Many Whites."

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 29, 1909.

The FREEMAN Publishing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.:

You will find enclosed postoffice order for one year's subscription. The news company here handles your paper, but the supply is never equal to the demand; as it is read by a great many of the whites. Therefore, I miss a great many of the numbers.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Respectfully,

Box 1451. A. L. GREEN.

"I Greatly Enjoy Your Paper."

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29, 1909.

Dear Sir—Enclosed is an order for the renewal of THE FREEMAN. I am a race woman and greatly enjoy your paper.

Respectfully,

MRS. W. H. LILES.

5932 Aberdeen street.

"Must Have It Again."

Maple Hill Farm.
Mounds, Ill., Dec. 28, 1909.

To THE INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN:

Dear Sirs—Enclosed please find order for my subscription to THE FREEMAN for the year of 1910, as per renewal notice.

Box 69, R. F. D. M. M. EVANT.

Only Paper For Colored Man.

Centralia, Ill., Dec. 29, 1909.

Dear Editor—You will find enclosed my check for which to pay for THE FREEMAN, the only paper, to my notion, for the colored man to read .

603 Cormick street. HENRY LEAKE.

"The Freeman Really a Treat."

Sante Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 14, 1909.

The FREEMAN Publishing Company:

Gentlemen—It really is a treat to get so good a paper as THE FREEMAN, so I am sending in my order to avoid the rush. Enclosed you will find my check. Thanking you for the good things found on its pages in the past year, I am

Yours truly,

JOHN M. MCCLINE.

"An Excellent Christmas Edition."

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen—Please find enclosed money order for copies of THE FREEMAN. I wish to congratulate you on the excellent Christmas edition of your paper.

THE ALL-NATION NEWS SERVICE CO.
James Dee, manager.

"Want the Paper Renewed."

Knoxville, Tenn. ,Dec. 29. 1909

The FREEMAN Publishing Company:

Gentlemen—Please find postoffice order for the renewal of THE FREEMAN for the year of 1910. I wish THE FREEMAN a most prosperous New Year.

Yours respectfully,

HARRY ROYSTON.

'Wishes The Freeman Continued Success.

Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Sirs—I am enclosing you Messrs. E. Norfleet Company's check for the amount of your statement. Wishing you continued success and a happy New Year, I am Yours truly,

WILLIAM H. MOORE.

Was a Dandy.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 12, 1910.

FREEMAN Publishing Company:

Gentlemen—I want to say that your Christmas number was a dandy, and a good advertisement for the paper. Please increase my order to seventy-five copies each week, beginning with this week's issue. Yours truly,

HENRY CRAWFORD.

326 Farrington avenue.

"Freeman a Wonderful Paper."

Jefferson City, Mo.

Mr. E. C. Knox, manager THE FREEMAN Publishing Company:

Dear Sir—You will find enclosed my check, for which kindly continue sending me your wonderful paper for another year. Permit me to say that I regard your paper, THE FREEMAN, as being the BEST colored journal I have had the pleasure to read, and one whom all Negro's who desire and expect to reach higher ideals in this world should not fail to read. Wishing you continued success, and the complete FREEMAN force a very happy New Year, I remain

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER CARTER.

"Glad to Get The Freeman."

Belview, Minn.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox:

Dear Sir—We received fifty-five copies of THE FREEMAN and we are all glad to get them. I must congratulate you on your good work in getting out your Christmas number, which was exceptionally fine, and every Negro should be proud of THE FREEMAN as it is one of the grandest papers ever published. I remain. WILLIAM MCCABE.

EXCELS ALL OTHERS.

Editor FREEMAN:

You will find enclosed the sum of $1.50 for subscription of twelve months. I wish to say that I can speak without hesitancy that THE FREEMAN excels all other colored newspapers that I have read, and rest assured that all efforts you have given it are highly appreciated by me. I am sure all other readers should appreciate and feel proud of such a journal. Wishing you success, I remain,

MRS. H. E. MABLES,
Seattle, Wash.

As usual, The Indianapolis Freeman gave us a treat for Christmas. The Florida Sentinel was also among the leaders. —*The New Century.*

This is self-explanatory:

"The Christmas edition of The Freeman was a gem. It is published at Indianapolis, Ind., by Hon. Geo. L. Knox, editor and publisher. This paper, perhaps, is one of the strongest and most reliable Negro journals published, and the Christmas issue is an evidence that its editor is one of the best journalists in this country. The Freeman is a secular paper, and ranks with the best papers that are published."

Thanks, brother.

"The Indianapolis Freeman makes the following note which the country will welcome:

" 'George L. Knox, proprietor and managing editor of The Freeman, who has a most interesting history of a life of adventures and achievements, beginning in the dark days of slavery, is soon to publish his autobiography in book form. Look for it.'

"Bro. Knox has been a patient toiler and his life struggles will read like a romance. He has been in the limelight for many years, and it can be truthfully said of him that he has not allowed his years to increase without wisdom."

Very graceful, Brother King. Thanks.

Wilberfore University, Ohio,
Dec. 14, 1909.

To the Editor of Freeman:

I beg to say that the editorial department of The Freeman is up to the standard in every way, and that so far as I can see no improvement can be made. I congratulate The Freeman upon its success and wish the staff a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours truly,

W. S. SCARBOROUGH,
President.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1909.

To the Editor of The Freeman:

The Freeman is a safe, far-seeing secular paper and one of the best edited in the interest of the race in America.

Yours truly,

R. H. BOYD,
Secretary and Treasurer N. B. P. H.

The Freman, of Indianapolis, Ind., blossomed out in its Christmas number last issue with many special features. There were some extra contributions of interest to the whole race. Notable among them was a contribution by Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., founder and president of the Woman's Training School, Washington, D. C., and Bishop H. M. Turner, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, with other matter pertaining to the sport loving element of the race.—*The National Baptist Review.*

RACE GLEANINGS AND COMMENT.

NEGROES BARRED BY ELKS.

New York, January 5.—Negroes are restrained from using the ritual, password, pin and colors of the Elks by a decision of the appellate division of the Supreme Court filed at White Plains today. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks brought suit against the Improved Protective Order of Elks of the World, an organization for Negroes.

NORTH CAROLINA CLEAN.

Raleigh, N. C., January 5.—A report to Gov. Kitchin shows that no lynchings have occurred in North Carolina for two years. This is probably the only southern State with this record.

Why congratulate yourself? What honor is there to any State having no lynchings? No State should allow this damnable travesty of law and order. We hope the day will dawn soon when we shall not hear again of any community taking the law into its own hands. Be the criminal white or black, let the law, not the mob, deal with him.—Ed.

WHAT NEGRO LABOR DOES FOR THE SOUTH.

Washington, January 5.—Of the $8,200,000,000 that the farmers of the United States have yielded in 1909, the South's share is $2,400,000,000, according to estimates that the Manufacturers' Record gives, based on the latest available reports and quoted in the Post. Of the South's total between $900,000,000 and $1,000,000,000 represents the crop of cotton, with tis seeds, now coming on the market, an increase of between $150,000,000 and $200,000,000 over 1908, though the number of bales this year probably will be more than 2,000,000 less than last year's crop. L L L L L L L

A RICH COLORED MAN.

W. T. Escoe, of Lawrence, Kan., who built a beautiful home at the corner of Maine and Warren streets last year, is probably one of the richest colored men in Kansas, as is evidenced by the fact that his taxes for last year were $1,300.

ANOTHER OF THE RACE WINS HONOR ON FOOTBALL FIELD.

It is possible that our readers are aware of the fact that the highest authority and critic of football has chosen as a member of the All-American football team, Ayler, the big Afro-American left guard of the Brown University.

NEGROES ALONE AFFECTED BY PROHIBITION.

"Prohibition in Alabama hurts the State treasury and deprives the Negroes of a chance to buy liquor by the glass; that is about all," said D. K. Lawson, of Louisville, recently. "I was down that way a short time ago, and while I did not try it myself, I was informed by other traveling men that it is no trick to get a dring in a hotel, or a number of other places. They have cocktails, highballs and a number of mixed drinks, as well as the straight goods, and 'near beer' is common.

"The Negroes have to buy theirs by the bottle or get it on the sneak. Perhaps it is doing good in depriving them of the chance to drink whenever one of them has a nickel in his pocket. Drink has made a lot of trouble for the Negroes, as they can't mix it with work. Because of the restriction on Negroes the manufacturers do not like the regulation, especially as long as they can have all they want at any time."

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By Robt. P. Jackson, Winnipeg Man.

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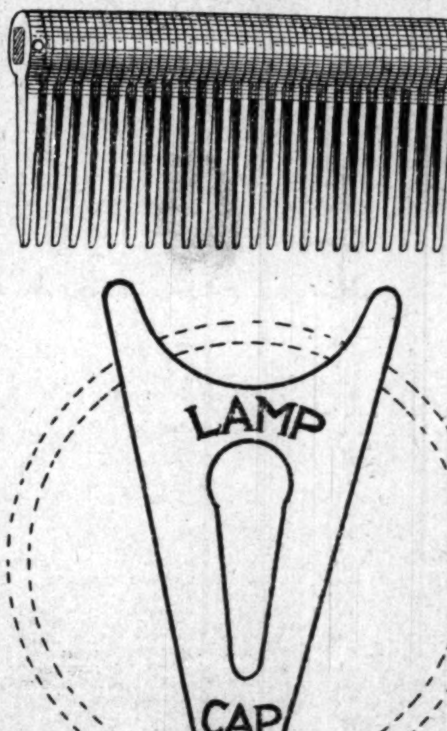

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Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30.—The National Negro Academy, after a two days' session in this city, at the Lincoln Temple Memorial Congregational Church, adjourned last night. The attendance was somewhat above the average in point of numbers, and the program embraced papers of substance and merit by some of the race's most noted figures in the world of literature, education and social science. This year's meeting was devoted mainly to the discussion of "The Social Aspect of the Negro Problem." In the absence of the president, Mr. Archibald H. Grimke, of Boston, Vice President Kelly Miller, of this city, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, occupied the chair.

Some of the more important papers presented were: "The Social Evolution of the Black South," by Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, of Atlanta University, author of "The Souls of Black Folk;" "The Social Status of the Negro in the North," by Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., of Philadelphia, editor of the Christian Recorder and the recipient of the degree of Ph. D. from the university, not long ago, for important sociological investigations; "The Reflex Influence of Race Prejudice," by Rev. W. V. Tunnell, warden of the King Hall Divinity School, Howard University, and member of the Washington Board of Education; "Fallacious Criticism of the Negro," by Rev. Matthew W. Anderson, principal of the Berean Manual Training School, Philadelphia; "The Effect of Social Prejudice Upon the Negro," by Prof. J. R. L. Diggs, president of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va., and "The Social Demands of the Hour," by Rev. L. Z. Johnson, of Baltimore.

At the preliminary executive session Prof. Miller read the annual address of President Grimke, and the standing committees of the Academy reported. The organization was reported to be in a flourishing condition, and a steady progress in the various branches of work for the benefit of the race, instituted from time to time, was indicated. New lines of investigation were suggested, a digest of statistics bearing on the economic and social life of the Negro, and a further publication of the Academy's "Occasional Papers" was recommended.

The discussions were quite animated, and the speakers adhered very closely to the subjects brought forward by the principal investigators, and much useful information was given out. It was the consensus of opinion that the social status of the race in the South is to be established as a separate entity from the whites, acting with them in exchange of labor for money and co-operating along general lines of civic development, but the masses must provide for the better working of the system of segregation by devising organized means of serving themselves in matters involving religion, education, business, amusements, and, in a growing sense, employment. Further, that the problem of the Negro in the North is economic rather than social, and that the problem of employment is more acute than that of civil rights. The crux of the whole situation, the Academy seems to think, lies in a candid facing of the facts by both races, the honest disclosure of the truth, and the broader education of the whites and the blacks all over the country. Intelligence begets toleration, and information dispels narrowness and superstitious belief in the binding force of traditions. The situation looks hopeful, but a solution of the problem in any satisfactory fashion means much hard, long-continued and conscientious work on the part of the race itself, in which the men of intellect, of soul, of commercial capacity and of industrial skill must all do their full share. The masses and the classes are mutually interdependent and must rise or fall together. The papers and discussions thus concluded.

The American Negro Academy was founded March 5, 1897, by Rev. Alexander Crummell, for twenty-five years rector of St. Luke's P. E. Church, of this city, and has for its object "the promotion of literature, science and art; the fostering of the higher education; the culture of a form of intellectual taste; the publication of scholarly work and the defense of the Negro against vicious assaults." The membership includes about fifty of the race's brightest and most progressive educators, ministers, writers and lecturers, and out of each year's session grows an inspiration that is felt helpfully in every section of the country.

The annual sessions are held in Washington during the Christmas week.

PRESIDENT TAFT AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

To Dedicate the Magnificent Carnegie Library March 10—Dr. Thirkield and Faculty Will Make Occasion a Gala One.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—President Wilbur Patterson Thirkield, the indefatigable chief executive of Howard University, has secured a promise from President Taft that the latter will be present and deliver an address on the occasion of the dedication of the magnificent Carnegie Library, the date of which has been set for March 10.

President Thirkield, the faculty and student-body are happy over the outlook, and it is announced that no pains will be spared to make the day a red-letter event in the history of the institution.

The Carnegie Library is a beautiful structure, colonial in design, facing eastward, just north of the main entrance to the university grounds. Its cost is $50,000, and the amount was donated by Andrew Carnegie, with the remark that he felt that never was a similar sum of money more profitably expended.

Many valuable volumes and choice pictures have already been donated to the library by friends of the school, and the Council of Upper Classmen have agreed to furnish two ornamental lamps for the porte-cochere of the building, at a cost of $100 each.

Hundreds of visitors from abroad and members of the Howard Alumni Association are expected to be present on March 10 to witness this significant dedication.

RACE PROGRESS.

Gertrude E. Curtis, of Bradford, Pa., is the first colored woman dentist. She has just graduated from the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, and intends to begin practice at once.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lena Cole has returned to French Lick, Ind., after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Ella Diggs....Mrs. Allen, of Nashville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Kelley....Mrs. Carrie Cross is confined to her room on account of illness....The Johnsonville Post No. 12 met at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, January 16. A splendid address was delivered by Rev. Walger, a large crowd being present.

MOTHER OF FORMER SLAVES DEAD.

RICHMOND, Ind.—Maria R. Taylor, colored, who died last week, is said to have been more than one hundred years old. She was the mother of children who were slaves twenty-five years before the civil war. Until two years ago the Negro woman worked and made her own living, and when unable to continue her labors refused assistance from various charitable organizations, although she received attention from people for whom she had worked many years ago. A life insurance policy for $85, on which she had paid a premium many years, was found among her effects.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Alex. Mallory, of this city, and Miss Mabel Davis, formerly of Lewisburg, Tenn., were married last Tuesday night. Mr. Charles Coington and Miss Mattie Collier were best man and maid of honor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Williams, of the Seventh Street Baptist Church.... The Ladies' Orchestra gave an excel- Wednesday night to a large and appreciative audience....Miss Prudene Browder entertained last Monday evening in honor of Miss Lewis, of Glasgow....The Y. M. C. A. of the Bowling Green Academy is doing nicely, and cordially invites all to be present. The subject for Sunday is "Loyalty," and we will have an address by Prof. C. T. Cook, of the State Street public school. Prof. Cook needs no introduction; we all know him to be one of the leaders of our race. The next Sunday Dr. O. D. Porter will deliver an address. Come one, come all....The Anchor Publishing Company of the B. G. Academy will issue its first edition next week....The leading citizens of Bowling Green are trying to establish a hospital, of which we are badly in need....Bowling Green Academy is overflowing with students....Please notify W. E. Houston, phone 546 Home or Moorhead House, of any news of local interest.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS.

Interesting discussion On in Times-Democrat About Its Attitude Towards the Negro.

By V. P. Thomas.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 15.—For the past few weeks there has been going on a very spicy discussion in the columns of the Times-Democrat over the attitude of that paper toward the Negro, and it goes without saying that the Negro people have been following it with very much interest on account of the prominence of the white persons taking part in the discussion, as well as on account of the fact that the argument is concerning the Negro.

Rabbi Heller, of this city, started the discussion by a letter he wrote to the Times-Democrat inquiring what kind of charity was it that made discrimination in the distribution of its gifts to the poor children of the city as is made by the Times-Democrat's toy and doll distribution every Christmas to the poor among the white children alone, and leaving out the poor among the colored children.

The Times-Democrat replied to the effect that in distributing toys and dolls to the poor children of the city it had to restrict the gifts to the whites because when it distributed to all indiscriminately, as when the Times-Democrat first inaugurated the Christmas charity movement some years before, the white and Negro children would get into fights and brawls and thus mar the pleasure of the occasion instead of making of it what it was planned to be, so it was decided to restrict the distribution of the playthings to the whites only.

Rabbi Heller then wrote a second letter, in which he assured the Times-Democrat that he did not know that the paper had ever been so friendly to the colored people; that he had read so many unkind things in the Times-Democrat about the Negro that he had concluded that the reason the colored children were not given anything at the Times-Democrat distribution of toys and dolls on Christmas eve was because the paper hated the Negro too much.

The Times-Democrat then challenged Rabbi Heller to show anything that it had ever said that would indicate that the Times-Democrat was down on the Negro as Mr. Heller claimed. The rabbi produced several instances, and others have joined him and the Times-Democrat in the discussion, and the matter has got to be very interesting indeed.

LEXINGTON, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Revival meetings are now being held at Zion A. M. E. Church; they have been held for the past two weeks and last Tuesday night the Lord gave us one precious soul, Miss Matron Hancock, who professed faith in the Savior Jesus Christ. The meetings are becoming more enthusiastic each evening and sinners are coming home to Christ. There are some young fools who sit in the house of God and talk and laugh when the minister is conducting the services. They seem to have no respect at all for the church, but remember, my young friends, God is going to punish you with many stripes for making fun of his divine works.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

Edited by Henry J. Callis, D. D.

Organic Union for Negro Methodism

Ther is no one that is of sound mind but what would say when this question is mentioned: I believe it would be a great and good thing if such an organization could be effected. But how can such a thing be done? It has been tried several times during the present generation and failed. The moving spirits of the three great Negro Methodist organizations, the A. M. E., the A. M. E. Zion and the C. M. E., have for some years thought, wrote and spoke on this principal of oneness. There is no need of wasting time here to reproduce the arguments which they have, from time to time, set forth in favor of and against organic union. We will take it for granted that every true Methodist under the light of present-day experiences, and having an honest desire to advance the kingdom of God, believes in organic union; not simply federation, but union, coming together as one great body, having one great head centered in its Episcopacy.

There may be some persons of sound judgment who may object, because of what may seem to them to be sound reasons. I am of the opinion, however, that if those who find what they consider good and sufficient reasons for opposing organic union, would remove self, as the first cause for objection, all other objections would be lost in the grand and glorious possibilities that would be realized for the world of mankind.

From the beginning the human mind has been too narrow in its application of the principles of the religion of Jesus. He taught that all of the forces that work for righteousness should be as one. "I and My Father are one," says the Master. I feel safe in saying that the great stumbling block in the way of the triumph of righteousness is the glorifying of the triumph of the organization or church to which we belong rather than rejoicing in actual widening deepening of the Christ life.

The spectacular boasting of one child of God over another has never been known to bring a soul to the truth of God. The unholy competition that has gone on between churches and pastors, I fear, has sent many a soul to hell and not any to heaven. Organic union between the three great Negro Methodist bodies of the world will be a long step toward the one "fold" of which the Master speaks in St. John 10:16.

The dynamic forec of Negro Methodism has a mission to perform in the safeguarding and perfecting of good citizenship among our people that no other denomination can do.

It seems to me that the great responsibility of world-wide Negro Methodism can only be conserved and actually met by a perfectly harmonious union between the present three great branches of Negro Methodists. The spirit of union for the accomplishment of any one thing is in the air; and the time for the uniting of all Christian forces has fully come.

Organic union should be preached from every Negro Methodist pulpit and taught in every Negro Methodist Sunday School. I hail with delight the suggestion made by Prof. J. R. Hawkins, secretary of education of the A. M. E. church, nad most earnestly hope that it will be accepted by the powers that me and given a thorough trial. But should not every minister and every layman become interested in the matter? Every local church should know what it means to the cause of Christ and the best interest of mankind. The ordinary selfish motives which keep individuals and organizations apart should be lost sight of in an honest endeavor to accomplish the greater good.

One of the main obstacles in effecting organic union has been the name of the united organization. I have two names to suggest, either of which I believe, if accepted, would mean all that could be hoped for in a name. The first is "The United Methodist Episcopal Church," the second is "The United Negro Methodist Church." Of the two names here suggested I prefer the latter. Many will undoubtedly object to the word "Negro." This word is the official title given to our race in this country and is fast becoming our racial name throughout the world. I believe, therefore, that in an organization that would mean so much to us as a race the word "Negro" should have a place in its organic name.

The Prospect for Christian Unity.

Christian unity, says The Congregationalist, "does not appear to be coming in this country by absorption of many denominations under one ecclesiastical government, though that is a cherished hope of many faithful Christians. But ther are signs of approaching to unity in the increasing co-operation of believers in many localities." The Northwestern Christian Advocate cites instances in Minnesota where eMthodists surrendered a field to Congregationalists when only one church was needed, and where Congregationalists withdrew in favor of Methodists, with prespects of another similar arrangement with Presbyterians.

It is quoted a district superintendent of the Methodist conference has said: "I believe these comity arrangements should be worked out wherever sectarian competition in over-churched communities has become not only a scandal but a waste of missionary funds, which would be more wisely invested; and, as a rule, those churches will only survive which can and do furnish the most appreciated and effective service." Zion's Herald makes this statement the occasion for pointing out that in Missouri there are scores of towns in which two churches, one belonging to the Southern branch of Methodism, and the other to the Northern, often facing one another in hostile array, both nearly starved to death, while supported by missionary apjropriations. It says: "What is needed in Missouri is the killing off of at least one hundred and fifty struggling, meager, pitiful little Methodist charges on both sides of the line, making in each case one congregation where there have been for thirty or forty eyars two rival and beggerly bodies."

This, to my mind, represents very clearly the exact condition of the Negro Methodist in this country. Wise men profit by the mistakes of others. Should we not therefore, who earnestly and honestly are interested in the kingdom of Christ, be willing to lay aside any relic, whatever it may be, that a brighter and more glorious day should dawn upon the Christian life of a race that has been so long despised?

Organic union of the three great branches of Negro Methodism is being nurtured in the heart and life of every true Christian Negro Methodist. Whatever the obstacles that lie in the way, they must be moved. It is undoubtedly the duty of the men who stand at the head of these organizations to be instruments in clearing the way, so that the host that follows behind them may gather in a solid phalanx and make it possible for Ethopia to stretch forth her hands to God.

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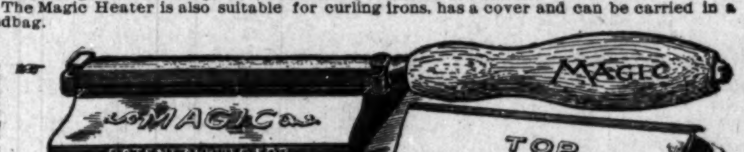

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AN APPEAL.

The study of the management of this paper is, how to make it a greater and better paper, a greater power and force for the betterment of the condition of our race, and the editor will thank any one to write him an idea that may be helpful to this end. By the time for our twenty-fifth anniversary we would like to add 5,000 more to our subscription list. Kind reader, will you help? Write the editor a personal letter.

We want to hear from our friends throughout the country. Beginning with our March the 5th issue we propose to start in with the accepted plan for enlargement of our subscription roll, which we desire to be augmented by 5,000 more. Elsewhere we publish several valuable suggestions. Let us hear from our

We yield our editorial page this week to our friends who have communicated on various topics of interest and concern to the race, and which we commend to the faithful perusal of our many readers in this and foreign countries. Two things we have been unable to do recently: (1) To supply the demand for an increased number of the paper; (2) to find space to print much important and accumulated matter of interest and vital concern to the race, hence the yielding of our entire editorial space so as to discharge what to us is a pleasant duty to our patrons.

EDITOR.

A BRIGHT BUSINESS IDEA FOR PROGRESSIVE RACE JOURNALS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 31, 1909.
Editor The Freeman:

Dear Sir—I notice in your Christmas issue an invitation to your readers of offer suggestions as to the best way to increase your circulation. Curiously enough, I had been for some time figuring upon a proposition looking to the same end, with the possible exception that my idea, while embracing yours in its scope, holds, from my viewpoint, latent possibilities of good to the race, as wlel as profit and prestige to The Freeman and other papers.

Briefly stated, my idea is as follows: To establish in Salt Lake City a "Western Bureau of Correspondence and Subscriptions," embracing within its powers the soliciting of advertising, securing of subscriptions and the writing of a weekly letter of information concerning the possible advantages of a gradual and voluntary movement westward of those of our race who are looking for a chance to place their children beyond the reach of the certain congestion of population which threatens the East and South.

Such a movement I am sure would result in incalculable benefit to the race, and I am much mistaken if the papers which furnish the information advocating such a movement would not experience an increase of circulation as substantial as it would be gratifying.

Such a plan if confined to any one paper would be a rather expensive proposition, but if my plan of syndicating my services so as to serve a number of the most influential Negro papers with due regard as to the territory covered by each, the individual expense would be reduced to a minimum, while, at the same time, the efficiency of the news service would be maintained. The advantages of a thorough knowledge of the West to those of our race who are living in the East and South cannot be overestimated. And he or they who contribute to such knowledge would be enabled to reap their share of such benefits as would accrue, both from a standpoint of financial benefit and of personal prestige. A weekly letter which would give accurate and complete data concerning government conditions, crop and climatical bulletins, and peculiar advantages as with our chances in the several states applied to the Negro in connection of the West, would, I think, be of inestimable advantage to those of our people in the section covered by your paper, and by others of like standing. I stand ready to furnish the requisite information, provided I can make a contract with those papers able and willing to handle it.

A residence of twenty years in the West, and a wide and growing acquaintance among the business men of this section, would enable me to furnish accurate and reliable data covering crop and climate conditions and irrigation prospects as applied to the country written of, also racial conditions in the different States.

I am of the opinion that a close and unbiased inspection of the proposition will convince you of its feasibility. Should you give it favorable consideration, write me, and I shall be pleased to explain at greater length my proposition. I remain,

Yours sincerely,
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This company has been organized but one year, and the business it has done thus far, far exceeds the expectations of its promoters. The Freeman does not hesitate to lend its endorsement to all worthy race enterprises wherever undertaken, and by whomsoever, just so long as it can feel and realize that confidence in the promoters thereof is not misplaced—this The Freeman feels assured in this instance, hence our unqualified approval and recommendation to the confidence of our many readers, and for the public, for favorable consideration of the company here named—The North Fork Coal and Iron Co., of Chicago, Ill.

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The Richardson Educational Review, of Chicago, in a recent issue, speaks in this wise of the company:

> After the distinguished pleasure of having had a visit by the officials of the Western Baptist convention, which met in Chicago the week of the 13th ult., and to have them say so many good things about that company and its future prospects, and their disposition to aid in every way possible, the North Fork Coal & Iron Company needs to feel itself a year older, especially in its chance to prove to the country at large its unestimable value as an asset in the resources of Negro business.
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> When men like President Griffith, Drs. Wilson, Mason, Bingamon, Bennett, Holmes, Broyles Goins, Jamison, Wright, McWilliams, Anderson, Turner, Manuel, Murrell, Nichols, Ivory and Wilkerson speak in commendable terms of the corporation, and promise their support, it means business for them; because these men are genuine representatives of the worth and capacity of our people. These gentlemen visited the office of the company and viewed their charts, maps and contracts with that full scope of information which President Hardy is so eminently capable of giving, and were a unit in their appreciation and promised their support.
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> No one entering the office quarters of this gigantic Negro corporation, and who, having seen the coal, iron ore and etc., the demonstration of the various points of the mountains from which these commodities come, can refrain expressing the actual truth of the situation.
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> These people are doing a business of a genuine nature—or rare merit. Their methods of acquisition in that facility which count them foremost in their line always appeal to the sober-minded, who, after all, are the leaders in commercial **economics.**
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> The open-handed dealing in a legal way, especially in any feature pertaining to investigation, is remarkable. They have no secrets along any line which the public should know; nor are they of the disposition to have any reservation in going into the most minute details about their affairs, and it is this position they take to approve the sincerity of their corporation.
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> The Review takes this position, that where any corporation submits to the most rigorious investigation (along any line commensurate to its welfare and being) by the public to which it owes not only its existence, but from which it must get its support, as to legal and physical status and its moral qualifications especially, as they effect the general welfare of the people, furnishes prima facia evidence that it is meeting the needful requirements of a Corporation organized for profit.

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Up to This Time the President Has Not Been Able to Find a Champion.

LEADERS ARE HANGING BACK

There's a Fine Chance for Somebody to Get in the Limelight.

HIS LATEST BAIT FOR THE SOUTH.

Washington, January 24.—"I am taking my honors as a lady should," laughed Mrs. Pearce Horn, the beautiful niece of General A. P. Hill, of the Confederate army, who dancel with President Taft at the recent Southern Relief ball.

"No, I was not at all surprised or babbergasted when the President asked me to dance, but I was worn out with dancing and I am afraid he thinks he made a mistake when he asked me to waltz, as I was not up to my usual step.

"The President is an ideal dancer," she continued, "really fairlike on his feet." With a merry laugh she whispered, "but a little short-winded."

"His waltzing is in perfect time with the music and with a certain boyish abandon.

"All the women of the Southern Relief corps feel that the President did a beautiful thing in coming to the ball, as President Roosevelt would not come and would not allow Mrs. Roosevelt to be one of the patrons, an omission that always pained us immensely.

"But President Taft's presence and moreover nis dancing with a southern woman, has just won the hearts of the women of the South, and we all call him a dear."

When Mr. Taft danced with the 220-pound Southern belle, the bandmaster missed the opportunity of his life if he did not play "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie."

DANCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL HELD INCENTIVE TO VICE.

Boston Bishop Says They Are Responsible for Immortality and Lead to "White Slavery."

Boston, Mass., January 16.—"Dancing in the public schools of Boston is responsible for conditions of immorality that almost as bad as the 'white slave traffic'," declared Bishop W. F. Mallalaieu of the Methodist Church in Tremont Temple today at the memorial service for the late Charles Nelson Crittenden, founder of the Florence Crittenden Missions.

"There ought to be a state law against dancing in any public school," he declared.

"The theater is a school of vice and a destroyer of morals and the nude statues and improper pictures sold on our street corners and the vile literature which some journals publish, all these are corruptin the morals of the young and lowering the standard of morality among the older people and leading to the 'white slave traffic'."

Dr. J. Milton Waldron will please take notice—Great minds run together. What you are thinking for the colored people Bishop Mallalien is thinking out for the white people, and his great church. EDITOR.

The Freeman, published at Indianapolis, and edited by Hon. Geo. L. Knox, is one of our most welcomed weekly visitors. We know of no other Negro paper that is read more widely. The pages devoted to the stage and the sports furnish about all the information one can get concerning the Negro on the stage and in athletics. It contains very strong editorials and news items of nearly all the large cities and towns in the country.—The Sodalian, Wilberforce University January, 1910.

Enough said. Let our friend of Bluff City News, of Memphis, Tenn., take notice. We advise him to put on his glasses and re-read our Christmas issue, and if he would do this he would avoid such an invidious companion as recently published in the columns of our esteemed contemporary.—The Broad Ax, Chicago.

Washington, January 24.—President Taft and Senator Tillman clashed in good-natured discussion of the merits of the personnel of the army in Cuba and in the Philippines at the annual banquet of the Military Order of the Caraboa Saturday night.

The South Carolina senator spoke in a characteristic vein and made some pointed criticisms of the army. He realized, as he told the President afterward, that he was touching Mr. Taft on a sore spot and the President seemed to understand that he was just doing it for the purpose of stirring him up, for he said so in his reply, and while vigorously defending the army, he passed off the whole matter as a joke. When the President concluded his speech, which those present said was "a rattling good one," Mr. Tillman was the first to extend his hand in congratulation, and the pair chatted amiably for several minutes.

Since Mr. Taft occupied the White House Mr. Tillman has been persona grata there, although he had not entered its portals previously for nearly seven years. Speaker Cannon and Representative J. A. T. Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, also were present and made brief speeches.

President Taft in his address said: "My friends, the distinguished senator from South Carolina I have known well; have been glad to know; have been honored by his friendship, and I want to assure you that he is a good deal better fellow than you sometimes think from what he says. He is not always one who sits and talks, thinking about the race question and sicegenation and amalgamation and that sort of thing. He does have other thoughts, but when he gets on his feet and starts on that slippery subject it requires a good deal of force or a good deal of poise to keep him from going further than he really wanted to go himself.

"He says that we are going to annex Cuba. Well, I don't think so. He thinks that because Cuba has a race question we have got to mix their race question with our race question and have a sort of result with sulphur rising from it that is going to consume the world. I don't believe that. I don't believe the senator does, except as these words roll from his lips. They have rolled from his lips now since '99 on the senate floor and from the stump, and have never accomplished anything in the election, and yet he can not get over it."—Indianapolis Daily Star.

What next? Leading Negro Republicans, please answer.

Mr. Burdenz, the cashier who has been paying teller at the Capital National Bank for twenty years, has resigned his position. His resignation will become effective on January 27. The Fountain Square State Bank was organized a year and a half ago and has resources amounting to $100,000.—Indianapolis Daily Star.

We much regret to note this, and we take the liberty of saying that we feel sure that in this utterance we express the concensus opinion of the majority of the Capital National Bank depositors. We have known Mr. Burdenz during all the years of his incumbency of the office of paying teller of the Capital, and have confidence in his honesty, steadiness and unflagging attention to business, not to say impartiality. He has rendered an inestimable service to the Capital Bank and her patrons, and will be a great loss to that institution. The Freeman wishes him a continuance of the success that has already attended his efforts in a business way, and trust he will live long to enjoy life and the pursuit of happiness.

ANOTHER GOOD IDEA.

Let Freeman Workers Respond.

Donesdale, Pa., Dec. 31, 1909.
Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir—Your kind appeal to readers should enlist our encouragement and sympathy. Not that we could improve upon your work at all, for I am persuaded that your paper stands for the uplift of our people. By the devotion, energy and your scope of observation.

Surface results is not a true indication of the foundation work that is providentially laid that is urging our people onward, even against reverse tides and winds. Not assailing the old Republican party for what it has done, but we can challenge what it stands for today. Lead us not into the Republican nor Democratic slaughter house, but may our right of franchise make us free men and women by placing it along side of principal, honesty and righteousness.

Yours with a happy New Year.
E. COMBECK.
1206 Spring street, Donesdale, Pa.

P. S.—Please allow me to commend you on those very able articles that accompanied your Christmas extra.

THE FREEMAN AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The Freeman can be had at 815 East Washington street, Neal & Brown's restaurant, the Colored Shoe Store, 1707 E. Capitol avenue, 1015 S. 17th street, at L. H. Harris' barber shop and at 305½ S. 6th street, also at 1505 S. 17th street. Don't fail to read this great journal.

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looking after some valuable property in his possession. He was formerly of Memphis, Tenn., and has been in this section of the country for eight years. He has valuable holdings at Minneapolis.

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William Evans, who was at one time a clerk in the Louisville postoffice, is now writing lyrics for a music house in this city. He has written nine songs and expects to be on the royalty list at an early date. He is associated with Mr. Craig Williams, a well-known musician and singer.

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Chivago is noted for its many lawyers of unusual ability, and it was our pleasure to meet, among the many, Mr. W. W. Johnson, who, I am told, has a white clientele second to none. Mr. Johnson is said to be one of the finest lawyers in the city and has handled many important and noted cases.

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Mr. Charles Foster, better known as "Juli Jones," still conducts a newspaper stand and music store on State street, near Thirty-First. Mr. Foster is to write a history of his various connections with actors and himself and no doubt it will prove most interesting. Mr. Foster is a leader of an organization known as the "Goats" and a few are enlisted in the society.

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Mr. A. N. Fields, editor of the Illinois Chronicle, has for the past five years been connected with various newspaper ventures, but this is his first experience as editor. It is said by his friends that the Illinois Chronicle has so far outstripped all the other journals of the West.

Mr. Fields has the credit of being an orator of unusual ability, and is numbered among the substantial citizens in Chicago. He is public spirited and takes an active part in all things that tends to redown to the best interest of the people of this city.

Miss Catherine Dawson, a graduate of Wilberforce University, is among the coming and progressive young business women of the city. She has been with the Illinois Chronicle since its first issue in the capacity of stenographer and takes a deep interest in the concern.

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The Pekin Theater has another high-class bill for this week. An editor's pass was at our disposal and we availed ourselves of the opportunity to see the show several times. Every act was good. The bill is equal to that seen in any vaudeville house in the country. The house is having large crowds and Mr. Motts is very courteous to his patrons.

Mr. Leon Motts, aged twenty, is the secretary of the Pekin Theater, and he is demonstrating that he is capable of carrying on the arduous duties attached to such business. He is a graduate of the high school at Washington, Iowa, and took a business course in the city of Chicago.

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We saw Major R. R. Jackson at the Pythian headquarters this week. He is all enthusiastic over the coming meeting of the National Encampment of the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias of the World, to be held in the city of Indianapolis in 1911. The major states that he hopes to see 8,000 uniformed men in line on the day of the big parade.

He says that Pythians all over the country are anxious to see again "Daddy" Stewart, "Uncle Remus," Dr. Joseph Ward, Col. "Ikie" Read, and the hustling Grand Chancellor, Ernest Tirdington.

These men and others are the ones that are expected to assist in managing an encampment second to none.

Major Jackson is now operating a successful printing office at 2554 State street, making a specialty of designs, halftones and engravings, high-class commercial and job work of all kinds. They print anything, from a pinhead to a newspaper.

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A number of young women of the city are making good in the various walks of life. Stenographers and clerks are numerous in the offices of the various colored business men's enterprises. Misses Jesse and Anna Cole are engaged at the Binga Banking institution. Miss Jesse B. Cole has been employed for three years as bookkeeper in Binga's real estate department. She was born in Flushing, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Flushing high school. Miss Anna M. Cole, cashier in the same bank, was born in Flushing, Ohio, was the first colored graduate of the Flushing high school, and a graduate of the Athenium Business College, Chicago, and has been in the employe of Mr. Binga for six years.

Miss Ethel Spence, who is the stenographer for Mr. W. D. Neighbor, has been in his employe for three years. She is a competent and capable business woman and is a valuable assistant to Mr. Neighbors.

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In an interview with Hon. W. L. Houston, National Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, he said: "There are 11,300 branches of the order, with a total membership of 463,000, and there are being organized three societies a day, and the financial status of the order will aggregate over $4,000,000. There are branches of the order in seventeen countries outside of the United States. In the military department there are 120,000 uniformed men, and a large percentage is expected to be present at the second annual encampment of the uniform rank at Baltimore in September. Mrs. Mary A. Parker, of Washington, D. C., is Right Worthy Grand Superior of the Household, and she reports that this branch is making wonderful strides." Continuing his conversation, Attorney Houston began to speak of his career in Washington, D. C., and his recent trip down South. He stated that he was for Edward H. Morris for Grand Master, yet he was anxious to know who were going to support the others that are in the field.

Attorney Houston is now in the law office of Edward H. Morris in the Express Building, where they are doing a fine legal business, with a white clientele. A discussion on the great western city prevailed and the learned lawyer stated that he was very much pleased with his new location, and passed the cigars, saying we would be glad to have you in the Windy City.

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Col. John R. Marshall, the popular commander of the famous Eighth Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, is heading a movement for the building of a new armory for the crack regiment. Col. Marshall states that within the lapse of a few years there will be built a handsome and convenient armory for the guards of which he is the commander. Col. Marshall has a natural love for military life and the excitement attending it. In 1891 he took an active part in helping to organize the old Ninth Batallion, being chosen second lieutenant of Company A, and later he became first lieutenant of the same company.

In 1893 he was chosen captain of his company by unanimous vote, holding that rank until he received his rank of colonel in June, 1898.

He has in the past engaged in politics, serving as deputy clerk in the county clerk's office. After several years he was deputy sheriff. At the present time he is deputy game warden.

Col. Marshall has made lasting history for himself in leading the Eighth Regiment to Cuba. Thereby he everlastingly assisted in maintaining the honor and glory of this nation on Cuba's soil. In 1886 Col. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Louise Bawner, of Alexander, Va. Among this world's goods to their credit is a fine residence at 3630 Calumet Avenue, where they pleasantly entertain their host of friends. Miss Essie Arnold is the niece of the Colonel and she is known to the "Boys in Blue" as the Daughter of the Eighth Regiment.

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The patrons of the National Theater on the South Side were highly pleased with the work of Aida Overton Walker, who was one of the principal stars in the "Red Moon" company, which played to crowded houses here last week. Her wildfire dance, "Phoebe Brown" and "Pickaninny Days" were received with vociferous applause after each number. Mrs. Walker was forced to reappear to acknowledge the overwhelming applause. It was splendid evidence that the theatergoers of this country are anxious to see Mrs. Walker in an organization of her own. From the report given out by those who know, Mrs. Walker will appear in a show headed by herself and a number of other stars plus an aggregation of the best talent that can be selected.

Mrs. Walker is today the most popular female actress on the road. She has created more favorable comment by her nimble feet and artistic dancing than any other woman of the race. She has made theatrical work a study and well trained in the profession.

She did not divulge the character of the new play for next season nor give it a name, but it was positively learned that she will be the star in a new company. From her successful career in the past it was stated here by the best theatrical manager in the city that the new show would be a winner. Those who are interested in the building of the new company are now making efforts to secure the very best talent to make the roster.

While in this city Mrs. Walker was very beautifully and charmingly entertained and was the guest of one of Chicago's social clubs.

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THE STAGE

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Mr. Tim Owsley, comedian and producer, has returned from Los Angeles, Cal., and is visiting his mother in Indianapolis.

The Pickwick Theater, over Bohn's store at Mobile, Ala., will soon be ready for business, and will have moving pictures with the vaudeville shows.

The Golden Gate Quintette just closed at the Miles Theater, at Minneapolis, and they were the hit of the bill. Miss Maud Grundy's singing and dancing was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smith have retired from the theatrical business, and are residing at 1021 East Pacific avenue, Spokane, Wash. Would like to hear from George W. Smith.

Brown and Hodges played the American Music Hall last week. The American is America's leading vaudeville theater. These popular entertainers are at the American Music Hall, Boston, Mass., this week.

Clever Billy Young writes that he is still playing the Hal Goodwin Northwestern time, making good at the Family Theater, Des Moines, Ia., this week, and says the world is large enough for us all.

The Beechums are still with the Lowery and Morgan Minstrel Company, and are making a big hit in the olio with their act. They will be seen in vaudeville next season. Would like to hear from Mattie Owens and Stella Phillips.

Miss Sutton, of Jones and Sutton, has recovered from her recent illness, and the team will open on the big time February 14 with their new act, "Christmas in the Quarters." Judging from their past success, the new act will be a winner.

The Whitman Sisters have been playing to crowded houses at Lagman's Theater, Mobile, Ala., for four weeks with their vaudeville show. Billy Kersands opened an engagement there on January 24. He is being assisted by the Whitman Sisters. Mr. Mose Fleming, manager, said the company would go to New Orleans after this engagement.

The African Swells Superb Minstrels, featuring Mr. Egbert Allen, brother of Irvin Allen, formerly of the Smart Set Company, are creating much talk throughout the South. The press agent states that they carry fifty people, band and orchestra. The company is under the management of R. Justin Roberts. Prof. Joe P. Steele has charge of the band.

The Clark Bros. and Miss Annie Hicks have closed with the Lacey Bros.' Minstrels, at Topeka, Kans., and are now located at Kansas City, Mo., at the Welsh Vaudeville House, for an engagement of four weeks, after which they will return to Chicago, Ill. The Clark Bros. and Miss Hicks were very much surprised when they were called to breakfast Sunday morning and were met by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dudley, of the Smart Set Company. The Clark Bros., Eugene and Joe, are open for engagement.

The Damon's Musical Comedy passed through the city last Sunday, after two successful weeks in Brazil, Ind., en route to Logansport, Ind., where they are playing at the Crystal Theater the present week. They have with them Lew Francis, the lyric tenor, late of Al W. Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company, and Charles T. Edwards, the comedian. The members are: Prof. Damon, Charles T. Edwards, Lew Francis, Homer Gardner, Jim Bobin, Prest. Winston, Misses Dora Brown, Mattie Glover and Minnie Wilbur. John Conners, manager.

The Ruby Theater, at Galveston, Tex., 413 Twenty-fifth street, is under the personal direction of Mr. C. Huff, a colored man, and all colored performers work for him. This week Al Boyd presents the "Arrival of the President," starring Chintz Moore. The olio consists of three big acts, such as the team of Blackburn and Blackburn, singing and talking sketch; then Boyd and Boyd, in high-class songs, such as "Oh, You Chocolate Drop;" last of all, your humble servants, Moore and Moore—Chintz and Ella. Some fun, I bound you. The whole concludes with a darktown jubilee, Chintz Moore in lead.

Rockwell's Sunny South still continues to do good business in New York State. This is the last week in that State; jump to Pennsylvania, then to Ohio. The ladies, Sadie Turner, Daisy Fox, Louise Mitchell, Gertrude Holden and May Wilkerson, have formed a club known as "The Nibbies." Allie Johnson, slack wire performer, is still making a hit in his sensational falls. The Mitchells have a new addition to their act, and with a dummy baby which is very funny. Pewee, tramp juggler, can be seen at the theater any time in his overalls, working on a new trick. Mr. Turner is writing a new last act, which will be ready when we hit Ohio. George Thomas has charge of the band and has some nice marches and overtures.

DEHOMEY AND ZERO.

By Juli Jones.

The great old stroll still has for its company Ice and Snow. These are two Latin words that the sons and daughters of this gay way can't make out. The whole situation has been turned around: the shops along the stroll have done good business. The Grand held over that good minstrel show which outdrew anything that has been in the house. The Monogram did land-office business with the Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures. The Bijou did a nice business in a frek way. People went in to see if they could identify the manager. He is tagged as an unknown angel.

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James Marshall, the Chitting Trust man, is very ill in the Wesley Hospital.

Section No. 1 of the Pekin Stock Company, who went to New Orleans, have returned. Section No. 2 will return soon, maybe.

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Times are better around here now than they have ever been for small acts. There are a hundred or more scattered throughout the West and South, making good and making money—that's the best part of the story.

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Bennie Jones, late of "The Red Moon" Company, has fallen into a pretty soft spot while resting in Chicago. He has been engaged to straighten all the big dancing numbers in "The Taxicab Girl" at the Court Theater. It is to be remembered that Mr. Jones staged the hit of the "Red Moon"—"Pliney."

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To meet the many requests, the managing editor, E. C. Knox, will make space for the life story of the eminent writer, Juli Jones, Jr., which will come out in this paper February 5. Order ahead to be sure and cut out his picture. Cut out the life and read it to your children. Add to your collection of clippings of life stories the life of Juli Jones.

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To the many inquiries about the health of Mr. J. Ed Green, who has been seriously ill for three months, he is recovering slowly but surely. All the wildcat stories about Mr. Green having lost his mind are a lot of rot. His mind is as good as ever, and he will be around next summer as usual. He will leave soon for California, where he will spend the winter.

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Mr. George Archer, the colored theatrical manager, is in the city on a short trip to find some real Negro novelties, and nearly fainted when told about great Rogers the ventriloquist, who is in the East now under the direction of Pat Casey. Mr. Archer is a stand-out vaudeville agent, has handled some real big colored acts, and gets the time. He has now the Williams-Walker Chocolate Drop act, with those fast coming kids, King and Bailey featuring the act and playing nothing but big time. Mr. Archer said he would push on to New York and try and land Rogers. Anyhow, every one around here doubts it. Pat Casey knows a good thing, no matter what the color may be. Aside from everything, Rogers is the greatest this country has ever produced. He makes Arthur Prince look like a second-rater.

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That pleasant little Sam Davis, the man of the C. V. B. A., passed through the city some time ago with his wife, en route to the far West to open a long engagement. Well, little Sam wanted to know what had become of the "goats." That sounded funny around here. The goats? goats? Oh, yes! The Goats. At length an old inhabitant spoke up and said he remembered the Goats—an organization of colored actors and others, that were taken for a band of the Dark Hand organization. One sad night—well, I hate to tell just what did happen. Anyway, the next day you could not tell a Goat from a sheep. Poor boys; they didn't mean any harm to anybody. Every bandana handkerchief was wet after the old man got through telling the great dramatic finish of the Royal Knights of William Goats. Sad! Sad! was all little Sammy would say.

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Williams and Stevens seem to have the middle road in the small time and small company way. They have got the right idea, and a repertoire of playlets to fit the two or three shows a night. They have just closed a nice little run over the Hedges circuit houses. Mr. Hedges complimented the company for their work, and they can have a return engagement at any time. The company goes to Buxton, Iowa, for two weeks, and then jumps to Jacksonville, Fla., for a run; Mobile to follow. This is going some. Any good act can get all the good time they can fill if they have the act and plenty of different ones so that they can change their shows often enough to please the manager and the patrons. "The public has to be pleased, and not the actors," says Mr. Williams, "and I am trying to do it. I think my bunch of ten can make good on any bill, and change my shows as often as any big vaudeville act in the business."

OLD MAN STRANDER A TOP LINER.

Mr. A. L. Strander, stage manager and character man of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, is one of the old school of actors, belonging in that age of actors such as Lucus, Kersands, Neal Moore, Bob Kelly and Hallie Dean. Strander has managed some of the best shows in the country. He is an exceptionally clever character comedian and has the ability to work in vaudeville, the road or in stock.

THE BAYNARDS ARE CLEVER.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baynard, of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, we find, are very clever musicians and composers. Mrs. Baynard, known on the stage as Miss Nettie Taylor, may be looked upon as a very important personage, when it comes to anything in the show business. She can act and sing admirably, but perhaps her strong hold is in music. She is a classic performer on the banjo, cornet and piano. Mr. W. A. Baynard is an old-timer on the stage, being in that class of artists such as Stevens, Shelton, Johnson and Smith. He has won many medals through his renditions on the piano. He is a composer and an actor of no mean ability.

DEATH OF MRS. ANNA ELLA WEAVER.

Mrs. Anna Ella Weaver, mother of J. Frank Smith, former manager of Smith's Pastime Company, died at his home at Spokane, Wash., December 30, 1909, after an illness of three years. Mrs. Weaver was one of the pioneer citizens of Grant county, Indiana, and had a host of friends. Last October she went to Spokane, her son having sent for her, thinking the change might restore her health. The funeral services were held at the home. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, where lie the remains of Baby Beatrice, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

TAFT THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Manager Joe Clark, Jr., put on a farce comedy called "Booth," and Mr. Robert Clarke, as Pete, was at his very best. His comedy was the best he has ever done. Miss Robinson gave an excellent portrayal of an intelligent manager. Will Mitchell sung "Cousin Caruso" and "Cubanola Glide" and received several encores. Miss Blanch Hopkins' songs "Violets" and "Honey Girl" were a pronounced hit. Miss Hopkins has a bright future. Mr. Ellmore, as usual, got all the fun he could out of his wench character, and his dancing was good. The closing skit went well and brought out the strength of the whole company. Taylor and Clarke again made good, and the large audience left in a good humor.

ARCADE THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

We are still playing to packed houses. Every member of the company is working hard and pleasing the people. Hi Jerry Barnes, our stage manager, is still in line and deserves much credit for his funny productions. Sam Davis closed three successful weeks and was well pleased with the manager. Will return to Norfolk, Va., week of January 23. The Carters, Paul and Mamie, have gone to Houston, Texas, indefinitely. Hi Henry Barnes, our stage manager, will close his engagement the coming week, after which he will open in Jacksonville, Fla., about the 31st. Means and Williams' sister act is still making good. Alberta Smiley is singing with great success "Naughty Eyes." Old Airship is still here, also George Stampa. Idela Readen joined us this week and is making good. The bunch says ah! Paul Carter!

PASTIME THEATER, ATHENS, GA.

In spite of the cold and rainy weather they are packed to the door each night, and the proprietor, Mr. J. P. Davis, has decided to build the theater larger, so when the weather gets good every one can get in without any trouble. J. H. Williams, our stage manager, is putting on something new every other night. Miss A. Williams had to go home to Atlanta on account of her mother's illness. Miss Evelyn White is cleaning up with her late song, "Down in Cottontown." Madam L. Graham says if you are a performer, bring your music; don't come humming [illegible] her. Tom Young makes them laugh each night at his funny sayings and singing. Mr. Williams would like to hear from Prof. McComon and the rest of the Allen's Minstrels bunch.

THE PEKIN IN MEMPHIS.

A three-act drama, staged by Mrs. Goodloe, entitled "The Sultan's Daughter," was kept on a week and a packed house greeted every performance. The Ramsons are still cleaning up in their sketch work. Mr. Johnnie Lee, Mrs. Laura Smith and the Goodloes did a big four act, which was a scream, and they sang teasing rag. India Allen just closed a two weeks' engagement with us, and also the Jennings. The Merry Howards and the Carters passed through here Friday, on their way to Houston, Tex., and spent the day with the Pekin bunch, and Mrs. Goodloe set them up a nice dinner and they left that night. We all wish them good luck on their journey. Murray Smith, our pianist, sends regards to the Taft bunch, in Louisville, and says for them to write him. The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

STEWARD AND MILLER AT THE PICKWICK THEATER.

Clarence Steward and George Edward Miller, known as the team of Steward and Miller, after making five weeks at the Pickwick Theater, Mobile, Ala., open a three weeks' engagement January 22 at their manager's new theater, the Pastime, to S. R. O. This is another house added to the Dixie circuit. Burt Houze, with "When My Wants Give Out I Will Be Ready to Die," took the house by storm. Billy Mack took them off their feet with "If I'm Goin' to Die, I'm Goin' to Have Some Fun." Miss Mary Green, with her "Singing Bird," was liked by the audience. Miss Estella Williams hit the turkey with her dancing. Steward and Miller also made a hit in their original act, "He Bought the Coat." Miss A. Lewis, singing "Brown Skin," was there. Charles Lipscomb was on the job with "Always Something Wrong." Our orchestra is as follows: Nathaniel Hommer, leader, violin; Johnny King, piano; Alfred Graham, traps. Some orchestra! The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession. Steward and Miller send best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter and R. V. Cross.

BOOKED SOLID THROUGH THE FREEMAN.

Editor The Freeman:

I booked Williams and Stevens eighteen weeks solid through the advertisement in The Freeman, at a big guarantee salary. It would have cost me four times the amount in any other dramatic paper, then it is doubtful if I would have received one-fourth the results. The Freeman is well read by both colored and white managers throughout the South and Southwest. Right here in Chicago Mr. Hedges, who has a string of houses, answered my advertisement and gave me three weeks in his houses. Following this, two weeks in Buxton, Iowa, for Mr. Turner. The company opens in Jacksonville, Fla., February 14, at the Globe Theater, for Manager Frank Crowd. Mobile, Ala., to follow; New Orleans, La., next.

If any one doubts the above statement, call at my store and I will show them one bushel of bona fide letters from all sections of the country. I am a stanch believer in advertising and insuring, that is, if one has something to advertise or insure.

WILLIAM FOSTER,
3025 State Street, Chicago.

PROFESSION AT MEMPHIS.

Attention is especially drawn to Memphis this week to the grand opening on Saturday night last of the New Savoy Theater, formally the Amuse U Theater, by five original members of the famous Pekin Stock Co., of Chicago, consisting of Miss Chas Gilpen, Clifford Ross, J. Francis Mores, J. C. Boonue, formally leading basso of the Black Patti Troubadours, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitelaw and Mamie Chester. Judging from the capacity business the house is doing the outlook portends a long and prosperous run.

The order of the program consisted of minstrel first part, Olio, illustrated songs and Savoyoscope moving pictures.

As interloctor Pearl Brown is a wonder, handling all the jokes and introducing the various singers of songs with consumate grace. Jennie Ringold, she of the sweet and winning air, sang herself into the pockets of the gay old sports. The end of the week will find a fat pocketbook for Jennie. Chas Gilpen, who would make one believe he missed his calling were you to see him handle his legs, has put Lew Dockstader in the background when it comes to playing "Tambo." Clifford Ross as "oBnes" has surprised every one by his droll humor. His dramatic work is of a sort that is inspiring. J. Francis More's name is akin to the toothpick, in everybody's mouth, as soon as he is announced the hum goes around (Oh, You aBritone). J. C. Boone, the illustrator and lecturer, is a marvel. He can build a theater, paint a sign from the size of a pin to that of an elephant; in fact, he is a good as ten men and he can sing some more bass. Mrs. Whitelaw, a dainty bit of humanity on the Nettie Lewis type, keeps them shouting whenever she sings. "Those Naughty Eyes," while to Mr. Whitelaw is left the direction of the orchestra. He reminds one of Ed Hardin, of Pekin Theater fame. He sings when the music impresses him, and that all the time.

Musical farces, comedies and Negro dramas will be the features of the New Savoy Theater. Sig. Fred A. Barrasso, the genial proprietor, is sparring no pains to make this enterprise a grand success.

WILBER C. SWEATMAN,

The Sensational Clarinet Player and Leader of the Famous Grand Theater, of Chicago.

By Simpson Johnson.

Mr. Sweatman is one of the "standout hits" of the Grand Theater, regardless of who is on the bill. The people pack the house to hear the Grand orchestra and "Sensational Swet," as he is usually called—to hear him play that clarinet. Mr. Sweatman is in a class of four novelties of America as leaders of bands and orchestras. The leader of the orchestra of the old Orpheum Theater in San Francisco led his men with an organ. The leader of the Seventy-second Massachusetts, of Springfield, Mass., leads with a barytone horn. The leader of the orchestra at Paoli Theater, Waterbury, Conn., some years ago, led the orchestra with a trombone.

The above accomplishment might not look like anything out of the ordinary to everyday people. But to the educated high-class musician it is next to a marvel to have control of the four above mentioned instruments, that the artist can successfully lead a band or rochestra.

Mr. Sweatman plays four shows and six overtures nightly on the same clarinet. All of this on the unruly B-flat clarinet. He has played five hundred and seventy-six (576) acts in almost two years at the Grand, and has had but one complaint, and that actor in turn made an apology, as he (the actor) found that he himself was in the wrong and not the leader.

About a year ago Will Marion Cook, the renowned colored musician and song writer, dropped in the Grand to see a show, and heard Mr. Sweatman play. After the show Mr. Cook was introduced to him. He was so carried away with Mr. Sweatman's playing that he made a verbal contract with him to lead the Williams and Walker show the season of 1909-1910, providing he (Mr. Cook) wrote the music. But George W. Walker dropping out of the business changed the plans. Mr. Sweatman now has a contract to go to Nicaraugua, S. A., to conduct and as clarinet soloist for the Government's own band that was to tour the other Souther American States, but under Zelaya's time as President, the same day the tickets come for Mr. Sweatman and another musician Secretary Knox put President Zelaya out of business. The ticket was lying on the table and Sweatman was reading the morning paper. He jumped up and began playing his clarinet, that old song "Take Your Time." His landlady wanted to know why he was playing that old song. "Swet" pointed to the letter and morning paper and said: "The South American Government will have to send their band to Chicago if they want me."

Mr. Sweatman is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and began his musical career with the Original Smith Famous Pick Band that turned out the great "Cricket." Smith, the first cornet player of the world, formed the Eighth Illinois Regiment Band. Mr. Sweatman has turned down some very good propositions to travel. He declares he will not go on the road again unless there is a first-class Negro concert band organized, as good as Sousa's Band, which could be easily organized. That music-loving public has no idea how far advanced the colored musician is to-day in this country. If the Filipino Band turned their heads with astonishment, a real Negro band would place their heads back in shape again. Mr. Sweatman thinks that the Negro musician is about the only professional of the Negro race that has not had a chance to show what he can really do. The first good manager with proper financial backing who will organize a first-class Negro band, regardless of salary, will reap fame and fortune.

SANK SIMS GOING IT BIG.

Sank Sims is among the clever members of the Whitney Comedy Company. He is new to the business, but every one thought him otherwise. When you have the nerve to do a monologue, especially these days, and make a hit of it, ain't that going it a bit in the races? His delineation of a tramp is something clever, but he can sing better.

THE FAMOUS RANGER QUARTETTE.

The Ranger Quartette, consisting of Wooten, Woodson, Weaver and Jackson, of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, is easily one of the best quartettes since the days of the Golden Gate. It seems that the quartette has been crippled badly on account of the bad throat Tenor H. S. Wooten is suffering with. If the four would work in a little comedy for their turn we are sure that they would be better received, although they do not fail to get the applause.

"BASS" FOSTER HAS A RIVAL.

In Frank Jackson, of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, there is no question but what "Bass" Foster, the famous basso profundo, has a rival of the most sterling quality, so they are saying. Mr. Jackson recently left Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, to take up musical comedy, and he is succeeding.

NOTES FROM THE VAPOR CITY.

—By David Wyatt.—

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—As soon as it was known that the writer was in town the baseball fans looked him up and demanded to know why this city was overlooked on the sporting page of The Freeman. The news dealer here is running off fifty copies of The Freeman each week, and he claims the demand far exceeds the supply. I have assured all that the city of vapors will get what is coming to it, and the old baseball fans are now busy digging up "dope" to show cause for recognition in the world of sport.

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Mr. Wm. Page, who was head bellman for years at the Arlington Hotel, is now occupying the same position at the Eastman. Mr. Page has seen all the big league stars and is one of the best judges of baseball players in the country. It was he who "tipped off" the great Foster to the writer. Page is running an up-to-date billiard and pool emporium for the followers of the ivories.

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A conversation with the fans here brought out an opinion that Texas has produced more star pitchers than any other single State. The Arlingtons, of this city, had a Texan named "Sol" Chew ,whom they claimed could chew up Foster at any old time. They produced a paper of date of August 16, 1901, which states, in short, that Chew bested the much touted Foster in a pitcher's battle, and would have registered a shut-out only for too much confidence on the part of Chew. Foster was backed up by the famous Yellow Jackets, of Texas, who had men in their line-up fit for any kind of company. Chew was backed up by the peerless Arlingtons. The score by innings was as follows:

Hot Springs........0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 *—3
Fort Worth.........0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1

Strike-outs—By Foster, 8; by Chew, 8. Hits—Off Foster, 9; off Chew, 2.

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Mr. Artie Thompson, of St. Paul, a great friend of the Gophers, is sojourning at Hot Springs. He states that there is some talk of trying to have a club in that city. He sends regards to Phil Reed.

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Will Robb, a well-known sporting man of Minneapolis and Chicago, cashed his last bet here last week. Robb was penniless and without friends.

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Miss Belle Davis, the actress, who made the old song, "Goo-goo Eyes," famous, has cast her gaze towards our old baseball magnate, Phil Reed. Our game loses one of our most loyal supporters by the transaction, as Mr. Reed is going across the pond to live.

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A theater here with the usual name is putting on the Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures for the colored people. I went down to take a "Pek-in" and found the S. O. sign out. A ball concludes each evening's performance, which so far has proven quite popular with the visitors. Dehomey Stroll, take note.

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There is some talk of a revival of the boxing game here. The city is taking on a flourishing aspect in anticipation of a huge and prosperous season. The old legislature has one more year's lease of life, and the chances are that horse racing will be resumed after that time.

ADDISTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. Murphy Lucas yet remains in a critical condition with typhoid fever....Mrs. Josephine Dickerson gave a farewell reception Thursday evening to the Don't Worry Club. Music and dancing were the main features of the evening. Mrs. Gertrude Fields, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, was the honorary guest....Mr. Olander Murphy, of Coal City avenue, is improving slowly and is expected to be out soon....Miss Laura Johnson, Miss Mabel James and Miss Mary Huens are the three successful girls to be sent from the city of Massillon to Urbana, Ohio, to attend the Curry Normal and Industrial Institute....Price Hollis and Marcus Mitchell, employes of the pipe factory, have opened a first-class pool rooms, news stand and soft drink resort at the steel plant row. Mr. Mitchell formerly lived here and is a brother of Earl Mitchell, well known here....The meeting of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission Society recently held proved to be one of the most successful business meetings held for some time. Mrs. Rosie Banks was elected president; Mrs. Riila Higgins, secretary; Mrs. M. J. Brannon, vice-president; treasurer, Mrs. Malissa Lucas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice Lucas. The members of the sick committee are Mrs. Mittie Lucas, Mrs. Georgiana Neal and Mrs. Ellen Wilson....The First Baptist Church Sabbath school held an interesting business meeting recently and elected an able staff of officers. Included among the list of names are some of the leading church workers. Mr. Mack Lucas was re-elected superintendent; Chas. Banks, secretary; Miss Lulu Jackson, recording secretary; Chas. Banks, first Bible class teacher; Harvey Flint, second Bible class teacher; William Louis, primary teacher; Mrs. Rosie Banw and Jessie Clayton, card class teachers; Lewis Banks, treasurer. The school has made rapid progress in the last year, beating all records of the past seven years. The general attendance is about fifty scholars each Sunday....Mrs. Anna Harrison, who died some time previous and was placed in the Cleves vault, was removed and buried Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The arrangements for the preaching of the funeral have about been completed, and will be held at the Town Hall. The Rev. George Lewis and the Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon will officiate. Special music will be rendered by the village choir. Announcements will be made later....A special communication from Massillon, Ohio, brings the news of William Gaines' resignation from the pipe factory, where he has been employed for a number of years. Mr. Gaines is now working at the shirt mill....Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and family will move to Dayton, Ohio, the first of February....Mrs. Harvey remains in a precarious condition at her home on Kent street....Miss Cora Green is spending a few weeks with relatives in Cincinnati....Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson are expected to move to Canton, Ohio, where Mr. Johnson is employed at the Dueber watch case factory.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Clara Rheuban and Mr. Richard Washington, of this city, were married recently by Rev. H. H. De Witt....Mrs. Carrie Williams, of South Sandy street, who has been quite ill, is some better at this writing....Miss Fanny Hogan and Mrs. Annie Stewart, who have been very ill, are able to be about....Miss Susie Lynch, who is attending Macon College in Macon City, Mo., is doing some nice work....Mr. James Blue, who has been quite ill, is able to be about....The dance given recently at Company L hall was largely attended....Revival meetings are progressing nicely at the Mt. Emery Baptist Church. Several conversions have been made. Rev. Alexander preaches some very able sermons....The Wednesday Art Club met recently with Mrs. Taylor Moore, on West Marion street, and was royally entertained. ....There is much sickness in our city. Among the sick are Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mr. Majors, Mrs. Lillie Britt and Lizzie Bates. Rev. L. E. Christy, who has been very ill, is able to be about....Crocodile, the famous comedian, is still in our city. ....Charley Branum, who was injured recently in a runaway, does not seem to improve much....Rev. John W. Kirk preached an able sermon Sunday night, January 23, at the Second Baptist Church....Mrs. Winnie Holmes has been somewhat indisposed, but is now some better....The following officers were elected for the ensuing year for the Wednesday Art Club: President, Mrs. Lewis Herndon; vice-president, Mrs. Sam Harris; secretary, Mrs. John McCree; assistant secretary, Mrs. Pearl Reed; treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Parker; chaplain, Mrs. Ed Harmon; instructor, Mrs. A. Moore; journalist, Mrs. Edward Mallory....Aunt Lucy Jackson, who has been very ill, is able to be about.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. J. W. Woods, D. D., of State Street Church, who began his moving picture machine and showing illustrations, has had large congregations. This method seems to be the real thing in making sermons explicit for all who attend....Dr. Kyles returned last week from Greensboro, N. C., where he has been attending the council of bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church. They will meet in Evansville, Ind., in 1911....We will soon have a colored newspaper and bureau of information opened on Davis avenue, giving employment to several of our colored young ladies. Mr. William L. Jones is manager....Mr. C. B. Paul has opened a first-class pool room and bowling alley in the Jemison Building, on Morton street....The Gulf City Whist Club was entertained by the vice-president last Thursday night. C. B. Paul won the first prize and J. L. Harrison came off with the second honor....Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, will lecture on January 21 at the Warren Street Church....Do not forget The Freeman. Mr. George A. Johnson will serve you in the absence of the agent. He can be found at the Gulf City drug store, phone 1205 B.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Bettie Lewis was buried last Wednesday from the Baptist Church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mason, the pastor, and the U. B. F. Lodge, of which she was a member....Rev. H. J. Thompson attended the district conference at Corydon, Ind., last week....Mrs. J. W. Hughes made a business trip to French Lick....Master Clyde Hughes has attended school seven years and has never missed a day or been tardy....Rev. Sims and wife, Mrs. Petterford, Mrs. Groves, Mrs. Campbell of Bedford and Miss Sims of Indianapolis attended the funeral of Mrs Bettie Lewis....Rev. Long, of the P. E. Church, will administer sacrament at the A. M. E. Church Sunday night, and will also preach....Mrs. Mary Sims and Mrs. Finley are on the sick list....Mr. Charles Good's brother, of St. Louis, spent a few days with him....Little Ruth Knight, the little daughter of Prof. James Knight, has been sick, but is better.

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ROUTES.

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS FAMOUS TROUBADOURS—Trevaries, Jan. 31; Feb. 1; Eusace, Feb. 23; Kissimmee, 4, 5.

A RABBIT'S FOOT COMPANY—Tampa, Fla., Jan. 31; Yher City, Feb. 1; Braidentown, 2; Palmalee, 3; Plant City, 4; Kissimmie, 5.

WILLIAM M'CABE'S TROUBADOURS—Dassell, Minn., Jan. 31, Feb. 1; Cokato, 2.

VIRGINIA WARBLES, under the direction of H. C. Jenkins—Elliott, Ia., Jan. 31; Emerson, Feb. 1; Dunlap, 2; Blue Springs, Neb., 3; Marquette, 4; Fairmount, 5; Cedar Bluff, 7.

BLACK PATTI TROBADOURS—Durham, N. C., Jan. 31; Greensboro, Feb. 1; Mt. Airy, 2; Winston, Salem, 3; Graham, 4; Danville, 5.

COLE AND JOHNSON'S "RED MOON" COMPANY—Week of Jan. 31, Toronto, Can.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Black, Prof. N.
Batsell, D. W.
Childs, Walter
Day, George
Fisher, Lonnie R.
Ferris, Bismark
Howard, Edward
Hamilton, J. W.
Jones, Rastus
Jackson, Richard
Kincaid, Nelson
McQuilty, Mose
Murphy, Bert
Norton, J. B.
Strauder, Al
Smith, Prof. Jeff
Washington, H. B.
Williams, Geo. A.
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The Marvelous La She closed a successful six weeks' engagement on the Webster circuit and opened January 17 for twelve weeks on the Northwestern Vaudeville circuit, Mrs. H. L. Goodwin's time.

Cole and Johnson, in "The Red Moon," filled the National Theater, Chicago, Ill., at every performance, including the matinees, last week. Both stars and Aida Overton Walker received a rousing reception.

Sidney L. Perry, who received an offer of $800 to take his big new act, including Goldie Crosby, over the Keith-Proctor circuit, has refused. It is understood that Mr. Perry wants $1,000 for his act.

McNeil and McNeil, John and R. Desdemona, refined comedy sketch artists, presented their new act "I'll Show You How We Do the Merry Widow Waltz" and "The Wild Cherry Rag" at the Temple Theater, New Orleans, La., last week.

Sylvester Russell and Irvin C. Miller attended a performance of "The Red Moon" last week, through the courtesy of Sam Corker, Jr. Mr. Miller was also a guest of Billy Williams at dinner Sunday before last, on Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Fountain B. Wood, the popular trombone soloist and band master, would like to hear from all friends. His address until April 1 is 715 Powell street, St. Joseph, Mo. H. A. Clark, Jeff Smith, John Haywood, Will Goff Kennedy, Roy Pope and Oliver Perry write.

James W. Turner, stage manager for J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South Company, writes that he is well again and doing his roller skating in his act. He would like to hear from Montrose Douglass, the unicycle and bicycle rider. Mrs. Louise Turner, his wife, sends regards to Mrs. Etta Miner and Mrs. Hattie McIntosh.

Mr. Harry Gilliam, the original acrobatic Hebrew, whose last appearance on the stage was with Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" company, writes from his farm at Wells, Minn., that besides running a clothes cleaning establishment and a poultry farm he finds time to teach 200 O'Fay's music, having contracted to stay with the bands three years, after which he may take out his Funny Folks Company.

Taylor and Taylor and Daisy Garret are still in line and better than ever in their original act, "Fun in the White Folks' Parlor." Miss Garret played two parts in the show at Hawlin's Theater at St. Louis, Mo., in the afternoon "Creole Slave" and at night "Pansy Black Face." Your bill is not complete without us. We must have "the goods" because we are always working.

The Simms Brothers' Big Minstrels showed at the Wah Hooche Theater, at Vicksburg, Miss., last Monday night, under the management of Samuel Simms, and received many cheers. The minstrel was accompanied by seven pieces of S. B. Simms' band. The funmakers were Alex. Simms and Robert Simms, the educated fools. Mr. David Simms is making a hit with one of the prettiest ballad songs of the season.

Mr. George L. Archer, of New York, visited Chicago during the past week. Mr. Archer had come on to attend the funeral of his grandmother, which took place at Mattoon, Ill. On his return to Chicago he had for his guests Bob A. Kelly and wife, George Catlin and Sylvester Russell to dinner at his mother's residence, on Wabash avenue. Mr. Archer, who it is expected will open a new theater in New York City, is a man of fine qualities and culture, and has been spoken of for an appointment high up in political circles, indorsed by such eminent men as Joseph H. Choate, Cornelius N. Bliss and Chauncey M. Depew. He also carries a letter from the late President William McKinley.

The Morning Tribune of Tampa, Fla., January 7, had the following to say of the Black Patti Musical Comedy Company:

"'Hanging on by their eyebrows' in the upper balcony and a 'half house' on the lower floor, would style the size of the audience which was present last night at the Tampa Bay Casino, the attraction being the Black Patti show.

"'A Trip to Africa' is the name which the musical comedy sails under. It is a lot of new Negro songs and rendered by Negroes in their characteristic manner, while the introduction of Sissieretta Jones, who successfully essays the classical in music and lends an elevating tone to the comedy as constructed. In fact, the rendition of the sextet from 'Lucia Di Lammermoor' is very artistic.

"Black Patti wears enough diamonds and other jewels to make a rajajh of India holler for a spot-light to be turned on him once in a while. Her gems represent a small fortune which she has accumulated in her stage career.

"Sissieretta Jones without her 'Suwanee River' song would be like Campanari without his 'Il Torreador,' and she gave it last night with the usual satisfaction.

"Jolly John Larkins, the architect of the comedy structure, is the Negro in fact and in caricature, and all he had to do was to look, do a foot movement, smile or sing a song, and the roof above the upper balcony would be danger of being ripped off with yells of delight. His 'A King Like Me' and 'Mother's Chile' were his best comedy hits.

"The company is not as large in numbers as in the beginning of the season, but the dead wood has been culled out, and there is left a company of strong and well-balanced voices, sufficiently large to produce the comedy satisfactorily. The 'All Hail, the King' and 'Boola Boola,' by the chorus, are catchy."

W. M. BENBOW'S ALABAMA CHOCOLATE DROPS.

The company is still meeting with success. Eliza Davis and Willie Richerson, better known as Tutenun, open with the show in Montgomery. William Dewey is also with the bunch. Miss Jessie Berney, Miss Beulah Young and Miss Willie Miles are still making good. Dave Perelin, our star comedian, don't fail to get them wild nightly with his funny doings and sayings. Prof. Bennie Smith, Will Strozer and Billy Miles are still stealing hearts. Little Willie Cook, our mascot, says look out, youngsters, I'm coming. Eliza Davis and Willie Richerson are doing a neat act entitled "Getting By." W. M. Benbow sends regards to Goll Kennedy, Lester McDaniel and John Williams.

THE LEWIS STOCK COMPANY.

George Lewis' Stock Company is still holding its own as the best show that has been in Houston, Texas, in many a day, barring none. Sunday night the crowd was so large that the box xoffice had to be closed and no more tickets sold, as the people could not wet in and the sidewalk was blocked. The Palace Theater is a pretty little house seating 500 people, and is admitted to be the swellest in the South. Our manager gave the Lewis Stock Company a banquet that will long be remembered. The company is all well and send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Mr. Lewis, our stage manager, brought down the house with his monologue and song "Take Plenty Shoes." Miss Lose cleaned up with her singing and talking specialty. The Tansels, Frank and Aggie, were there with the goods. Levi and Russell were a hit. Miss Lewis is still holding her own and is still coming up. Mr. Lose, our pianist, and Mr. George Williams do a little act of their own in the orchestra pit that keeps the audience applauding them for their music. The Gibsons, write.

NOTES FROM RICHARD AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

We are now flying high—2,000 feet above sea level. All the boys are well and hearty. Our show remains above the average and pleases the masses, after three good men leaving—Messrs. Prosser, Wilson and Washington. We wish the boys success in their future undertakings. Kid Langford has abandoned his trick house. He now resides out of doors. However, he has sprung a new act that takes very well. Much credit is due the four participants, namely, Kid Langford, old man; Dave Smith, sporty young man; Thomas ("Slug") White, old mammy, and Jake Smith, wench. Thomas White sets the house to roaring, so well does he mimic the Southern mammy. Our afterpiece is one of the strongest ever. The army and navy rules and regulations are well kept by straight characters, and at the same time they are roughly used by Powell and King, who are the comedy producers. We are showing to S. R. O. and pleasing all. We are giving the fastest, cleanest show ever seen in this line of the show business. All the boys send their regards to all in the profession, and would like to hear from all their friends. See route.

THE AIRDOME, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

The Airdome is still packing them to the doors. We had the strongest vaudeville bill presented in Jacksonville, with the two happy boys, Kenner and Lewis, who are making a decided hit singing "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself, but Let His Wife Alone." Miss Teresa Burrows, the dainty soubrette, is handing a hot one singing "You'll Come Back." Fisher and Simpson give their good comedy and eccentric dancing. Slim Henderson, Jacksonville's favorite comedian, gives one of his new monologues. Herndon is the boy hoop roller and Chinese impersonator. Miss Lazzo, the Cuban soubrette, never fails to get her's anywhere they put her, hard or easy. Bradford and Bradford, the singing, dancing and talking pair of chocolate drops, receive encores singing "Next to Your Mother, Who Do You Love?" Perry Bradford has written and is now singing a song about our friend Jack Johnson, entitled "If Jack Johnson Wins the Championship of the World," and they sing him hoarse every night. We all join in the chorus and say Joel & Glickstein never miss. Kenner and Lewis send regards to the Whitman Sisters, Tom and Lizzie Thompson, Bob and Jim Slater, Albert Carroll and Prof. Robichaux, of the Pythian Temple at New Orleans. Hello Williams and Stevens; we are going some.

THEATER ROYAL, MEMPHIS.

Walter James Reid writes: We are still proud to see our house and performers meeting with much success. The weather has been severely cold, but nevertheless the dear old ghost never fails to walk every Monday, as usual. The week ended with a very catchy little military comedy, with the entire company of nine all-star performers, headed by Bon Bon Buddie, Miss Sallie Zeke has rejoined us. Mrs. Zenobie Jefferson is still making good. Following her is the charming little Trixie Colquitt, the Southern soubrette. Miss Janie Mullen is still in a line to herself in her male impersonations. Never the least comes Eugene Liggins and Thomas Briggs, always leaving the house in an uproar with two and three encores. Charles Anderson is much improved and is cleaning up with those illustrated songs. Phillip Austin, as usual, is making good at this theater as a comedian and dancer. Albert White, the baritone singer, always makes good. Mr. J. M. Day has jojined us, and James is still with the goods, while Cuba and Son are just as poison as usual with their sensational dancing. Miss Alice McQuiller, our musical director, has been somewhat sick, but is able to be at work again. Walter J. Reid, our trap drummer, has not been feeling so nice since he can't hear from Miss It, but sends regards to all the Freeman Post and Leroy Polk. Charles Whitmore, our doorkeeper, is expecting to be married most any old night. Look out.

HAWK'S MOVING PICTURE SHOW JUBILEE CONCERT CO. AT VALDOSTA, GA.

We chanced to be at home at Atlanta, Ga., this Christmas for a holiday rest, but, being so well known, we had to work nightly. We appeared at the Arcade Theater for a brief sty. During our stay it was S. R. O. nightly. The manager and proprietor, C. P. Bailey, always keeps a standing invitation for our pictures and songs when we hit the town. My record stands unchallenged, being thirteen years on the road and the first Negro owner of moving pictures south of the Mason and Dixon line. I now present the real things, late, new and selected. We lead while all others follow. We are en route to Cuba our fourth time, where success awaits our arrival. In the land of flowers we have no equal. We play Jacksonville, Fla., from Jan. 25 to Feb. 10; Tampa, 12 to 18; Key West, 20 to 24; Havana, Cuba, 26 to March 5; Mantanzas, 7 to 10; Santa Clara, 12 to 16; Cienfuegos, 17 to 24. Prof. W. R. Jackson, of Tennessee, our pianist, sends regards to all friends. We hope to meet Prof. Eddie Buttler and McGaw, Cox and Cox and Hi Jerry Barnes & Co. at the Arcade again when the flowers bloom in the springtime. We close in Valdosta on the 20th. Regards to all of my Atlanta friends and others in and out of the profession. I would like to hear from Scott and Crosby, Mabel G. Johnson, Kemp and Lang. Our canvas theater will be as bright as a star this spring. That's our pride, as Hawk's reputation covers Dixie as the dew from above. Regards to Price and Price. C. E. Hawk, proprietor and manager.

LUNA PARK THEATER, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Mr. R. V. Cross, our stage manager, presents an all-star cast supported by Robert B. Joplin, the noted song and play writer, who has jjust finished a six weeks' engagement at the Colored Airdome Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., and is now filling an indefinite engagement at Luna Park Theater. The bill for this week is a hot one and a scream, Cox and Cox going big with "Carry, Harry, Marry" and "Kinky." String Beans, better known as Butler May, is bringing the house down with "Play It On." Billie Miles is a decided hit also with "I Haven't Dirtied a Plate To-day." Miss Rosetta Branham, the celebrated coon shouter, is setting the house wild with "I'm Cleaning Up and That's All." Mabel G. Johnson, the nightingale soubrette, is a wonder and is aking four and five encores with "You're Just the Boy for Me." Louis Harrison, the famous female impersonator—you can hear a pin drop when he sings "To the End of the World" with you. Mr. R. V. Cross, our stage manager, is setting a pace for all who may attempt same as a characteristic old man. Having the correct paraphernalia for same, his work can not be excelled. Last, but not least, Robert B. Joplin has just presented two of his new songs, a ballad, "If I Were with My Thoughts To-Night, Sweetheart, I'd Be with You," and a coon song, "Since Emancipation Day." They are published by the John Arnold Publishing Company, 507-509 Elm street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and are going big. Jimmie Thomas, better known as "Fat," is still with us, never misses a performance, and is a practical utility man. Mose Linley has charge of the soft drink stand; Mr. R. V. Cross, stage manager; R. B. Howard, musical director; P. A. Thomas, general manager; R. B. Joplin, vocal director. Mr. C. L. Chasewood, the proprietor, forces the ghost to walk every Saturday after the matinee. The company sends regards to the performing world.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By Jassimine.

Despite the fact that we have been for some time and are yet in the midst of a real old-fashioned winter, everything is going along fine on the Avenue.

Manager Abe Mincky, of the Fulton Theater, sprung a surprise on his many friends last week when he announced that he had leased the Star Theater, and by so doing gained control of the only two houses on the Avenue, the Lyceum having passed out of existence some time ago. He will run a stock company, interspersed with vaudeville acts, at the Star, and moving pictures at the Fulton.

The First Brigade K. of P. Band has been reorganized and is now busy rehearsing for the annual spring series of sacred concerts, the first of which will be given about the first Sunday in March. The band is now under the direction of Captain H. C. Waters, one of the city's most proficient musicians. With the band this season will be found a number of well-known and popular soloists, among them being J. E. Lain, 'cellist; G. Harry Bolden, tenor; J. W. Myers, cornet; William Butler, bells; R. A. Bush, piano, and several others.

Frank Belt and Jesse Dockett, cornetist and clarinetist, respectively, members of Prof. R. Roy Pope's Annex Band, with Ringling Brothers' shows, are spending the winter with relatives in this city. Mr. Belt is working with the Independent Band at the Bedford Roller Rink, and Mr. Dockett is playing with Beatty's Orchestra, the best of its kind in this part of the State.

Prof. W. S. Anderson, our well-known colored harpist, just lately received a brand new harp, which for appearance and tone is considered by all who have seen and heard it to be one of the best ever made. Mr. Anderson is well known throughout the State as a harpist, being recognized by both white and colored as a musician of rare ability.

Billie Butler, the popular trap drummer with Beatty's Orchestra, who has been ill with typhoid fever for some tmie, is able to be out and again resume his duties with the orchestra.

Dixon and White, those clever comedians, have returned home after a successful nine months' trip in the West, and are now working as an added attraction with Ed Winn's Fulton Stock Company.

The famous Lindsay Quartette, composed of the Messrs. Bolden, Lain, Williams and McCloud, are filling a week's engagement at the Duquesne Theater in connection with the Harry Davis Stock Company (white), who are presenting this week the dramatization of that famous novel, "St. Elmo."

R. Anthony Bush, the ever-popular musical director, now at the Star Theater, has just finished a very beautiful composition which is to be published real soon.

Reese Brothers' Africanders are headliners on a very good bill at the Altmeyer Theater, McKeesport, this week. The act was witnessed at the Family Theater, this city, last week, and was really the best of its kind ever seen by the writer.

W. Harry Wilson, one of the city's most popular musicians and singers, former leader of the famous Lindsay Quartette, is now holding the able position of assistant manager of the beautiful pool and billiard parlor conducted by E. K. Thurm, the most popular newsdealer on the Avenue, who sells The Freeman and all other good reading matter.

The Star.—Three packed houses greeted the opening of this pretty playhouse under new management. The attraction was Ed Winn's Fulton Stock Company in a very funny little play in two scenes entitled "From Dixie to Jungleland," which was heartily received by the large and intelligent audiences. Some very good comedy was furnished by Dick Meggs and Dave Merritt, two very clever performers, and a bit of real acting that was highly appreciated was done by Mr. Winn, who played the straight part to Meggs. The singing of Fannie Jackson, Lillian Winn and Eva Wise was far above the average, and the chorus work was good. The rest of the company was fair and came in for their share of the applause. This style of performances should make the Star a success in every way.

The Fulton was visited by large crowds, who grasped the opportunity to see two of the best moving pictures ever shown on the Avenue.

BROWN AGAIN DEFENDS VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS.

In the Christmas number of The Freeman Juli Jones had an article concerning the colored vaudeville performers, and I will attempt to prove that he doesn't know what he is talking about.

He says, in part: "The colored vaudeville acts are simply on the stage working in one so that the stage can be set for some big white act." Well, if that was true, it is an awful expensive stage wait. The average colored act does ten minutes, and some of them get a three-figure salary.

Again Juli Jones says: "The colored acts have not advanced. All they do is sing and dance." And again he is wrong. Of the ones that do sing and dance, they have advanced enough to be in demand. Please don't forget the Brittons; they are artists, both of them. And there are also Murphy and Francis. There must be all kinds of acts for vaudeville, and colored acts excel in dancing. Is not dancing an art? If not, why does it pay so well? And you know Bert Grant is still dancing. And there are others. Has any one heard of Aida Overton Walker losing a limb? What would you call her dancing? Just dancing? Is it not artistic, or is it a buck dance? Say, Mr. Jones, don't you know that The Freeman is read by hundreds of white people in and out of the profession? Your article was first shown to me by two white performers, and they couldn't understand why such an article should be written by a colored writer. There were also colored readers of The Freeman who were surprised, and I among the rest.

Now, I will try and inform you of the colored acts that do other things than sing and dance, and also tell the readers of The Freeman who perhaps live in remote parts of the country and do not see vaudeville shows, but The Freeman reaches them.

There are a great many of them, so many that I don't know if I can call them to mind at this time. As I am not writing up ttheir acts, I will not name them as they rank on the stage, but will name them as they come to mind. There are Brown and Navarro; Fiddler and Shelton; Hodges and Launchmere; The Musical Pramplins; Clermonto and miner; Brown and Hodges; Cook and Stevens; The Kratons; John Rucker; Chinee Walker; Rowland the Juggler; The Jolly Prices; John Hedge, with his wrestling ponies; Irvin Jones, sings and talks; Lemonier and Wilson; John W. Cooper, ventriloquist; Black Carl; Lew LaMar, can't dance; and Musical Spillers. Space won't allow me to add to this list. But there are others in the big shows that are in and out of vaudeville. What about the cultured singers we have—Abbie Mitchell, Frank Fowler Brown, Miss Walker, of Davis and Walker, Henry Troy? Can you imagine Bob Kelly and George Catlin dancing, or Marsh Craig? There are other acts that do dance, but have plenty of talen that they use in their acts, and the acts cannot be called dancing acts. And if I may be allowed to add, I don't think I would go far dancing around my easel while I am making cartoons. Mr. Jones, did you ever catch a young lady of your nationality making cartoons and sketches on the stage? I refer to Lulu Hodges Brown, the only one of her race or any other race. Miss Brawn's cartoons are eagerly sought after, and they are adorning many a white lady's den; and while the public is reading this she will be displaying her art at one of America's leading theaters, the American Music Hall, New York City.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Richard and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels played to a packed house on Monday evening, January 17....The first issue of the colored paper known as the Western N. C. Advocate appeared Saturday, January 22....An- opened, in the Bryan building, on Eagle other colored drug store will soon be street....The Freeman can be had at Wilson's barber shop, 39 South Main street....Song service at the Y. M. I. Sunday from 5 to 6 o'clock. All are invited.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. St. John of Clinton street is visiting Mrs. Bogget of Niagara Falls, Ont...There was a silver wedding anniversary given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Upsher at their home, 214 Elm street, on the 13th. Many handsome presents were received...Albert Barnes of St. Louis is visiting friends in Buffalo...Miss Minnie St. John of New York City has been visiting in Buffalo and has returned to her home last Thursday...Mrs. Martha Washington was called to her home in the South by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Johnson...A thirty-day revival is going on at St. Luke's Church, 585 Michigan street. Dr. and Mrs. Oppley will assist until the close. Rev. J. C. Taylor, pastor...James Cattrell of 344 Pine street, who has been absent from the city, has returned and was heartily welcomed by his many friends. Mr. Cattrell has been on the sick list for a few days, but we hope he will be out soon...Herald Cupp of 16 Mark street is conlned to his home with the measles...Silas Huse of South Bend, Ind., was in Buffalo Sunday...Charles Smelling of 492 Michigan street, made a flying visit and returned home Monday morning.

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

Leland's Chicago Giants will play their games at Seventy-ninth and Wenthworth avenue, Chicago.

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There is talk of reorganizing the Ohio Colored Baseball League. Why not make it Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana—embracing Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Louisville, Evansville and Indianapolis?

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Kidd I. Mitchell, president and manager of the Minneapolis, Minn., Colored Keystone ball team, sends the following line up for the coming season: Pate,, l f; Shawler, c f; Barton, r f ;Prior, 3d lb; Davis, s s; Hutchinson, 2d lb; Young 1st lb; Green, c; Jackson, Lyons and Gatewood, pitchers. Gatewood captain.

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Frank Leland's Chicago Giants will leave Chicago March 21 for their southern trip, and open in New Orleans, La., Sunday, March 27. Major R. R. Jackson, secretary of the club, has confidence in the 1910 team, and states that they will win the City League penant without fighting the interest of any other association or ball team.

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The Sheffield, Ala., Black Socks Baseball Club, under the management of Capt. Jno. Pitts, have organized and are prepared for the field this season. The members are as follows: Alford Tylor, r f; Alford Polk, l f; Jim Collins, c f; Barkley Coffee, rd lb; Dock Hood, s s; Solon Norman, 2d lb; Jack Napier, 1st lb; Abe Goodloe, p; Wesley Richard, c.

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The following is the line-up for Leland's Chicago Giants for 1910: Nate Harris, captain (Leland Giants, 1909); Chas. Green, r f (Leland Giants, 1909); Bobby Winston, l f (Leland Giants, 1909); Harry Moore, c f (Leland Giants, 1909); Geo. Wright, s s (Leland Giants, 1909); Chapple Johnson, c (Leland Giants, 1909); William Pettus, c (Kansas City Giants, 1909); Walter Ball, p (Leland Giants, 1909); William Norman, p (Leland Giants, 1909); Bob. Marshall, 1st lb (St. Paul Gophers, 1909); Felix Wallace, 2d lb (St. Paul Gophers, 1909); James Taylor, 3d lb (St. Paul Gophers, 1909); Jno. "Steel Arm" Taylor, p (St. Paul Gophers, 1909); "Cyclone" Joe Williams, p (San Antonio Bronchos, 1909); Danger Talbert, utility (Leland Giants, 1909).

NO RUN, NO HIT GAME STUNT PULLED OFF BY DI¾IE CHAP.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—"Nap" Thompson, the popular young pitcher of the Chattanooga team, performed the feat of shutting out a team without a hit or run August 22, 1909. The Atlanta Collegians were the victims. Thompson played the early part of the season with the Y. M. C. A.'s. After joining the Chattanooga team he won ten straight games, pitched four extra inning games, one a seventeen inning contest, and darkness ended it with the score 1 and 1. This game was with the All Stars.

LANGFORD'S SCHEDULE.

Pittsburg, Penn., January 22.—Having become disgusted at the manner in which all the prominent heavy weight and middle weights have refused to fight him, Sam Langford, the colored cyclone of Boston, has decided to go to California, where he has been guaranteed three fights.

His first will be with Jim Flynn, the heavy weight of Pueblo, Col., who has fought all the big fellows. They will meet for ten rounds before the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles February 8. After that Langford will sign up with Jack Burns and "Gunboat Smith," the California heavy weights.

BOXING CHAMPIONS AT HEAD OF THEIR CLASS.

While none of the chompion fighters lost his title last year, those who are at the top of their respective class now are as follows:

Heavyweight—Jack Johnson, of Galveston, Tex.

Light Heavyweight—Tommy Burns, of Detroit, Mich.

Middleweight—Stanley Ketchel, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Welterweight—No legitimate holder, being claimed by Harry Lewis, Jimmy Gardner and Mike (Twin) Sullivan.

Lightweight—Battling Nelson, of Hegewisch, Ill.

Featherweight—Abe Attell, of California.

Bantamweight—Claimed by Johnny Coulon, Monte Attell, Danny Webster and Jimmy Walsh.

CUBAN BALL PLAYERS COMING HERE.

The Cuban Star Baseball Association, of Havana, Cuba, which contains the pick of the best men from the Havana and Almendares clubs of the Cuban League, who defeated the Cincinnati National League club, as well as the Detroit American League club, will, as usual, tour the United States, coming through this section about the middle of May on their way West, and again, after July 4, on the way East. Pedroso, who pitched eleven innings against Detroit without giving them a hit, will be with the team, as well as Mendez, who shut out Cincinnati three straight games without giving them a hit, together with all of the crack Cuban players They will have all of their coaching done in spanish, owing to the fact that none of the men speak English. The schedule is now being arranged, and all first-class independent teams, as well as college clubs, desiring dates should address Nat C. Strong, American representative, World building, New York City.

TO RECOGNIZE THE OHIO COLORED BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Dayton, O. (Special)—A movement is on foot to reorganize the Ohio State Baseball League, which was organized some two years ago, but failed on the account of the teams in the different cities not having grounds of their own. Since then several places have secured grounds, and Dayton, having one of the finest Negro baseball parks in the country, the convention will probably be called here, being more centrally located. There are several candidates in the field for president of the league, among them Mose C. Moore, of Dayton, O., and Walter H. Dennis, editor of the Indiana Register of Richmond, Ind. We would like to hear from the following managers of the different cities: The Columbus Newman Terrance, the Springfield Elks, Waldorfs and Blue Birds of Cincinnati, Dayton Giants, marco's Xenia and Richmond, Ind.

Mr. J. A. McFarland and Albert W. Hubbrad have charge of the arrangements, and all mail should be addressed to them, at 23 East Sixth street.

THE JEFFRIES OF TODAY NOT THE JEFFRIES OF YORE IS THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION.

By Jackson J. Stovall.

On the evening of the new year James J. Jeffries gave an athletic exhibition at the big Coliseum in Chicago. (Though his work was creditable from an unbiased point of view, he tired precipcipitately at the finish, and the consensus of opinion was that the Jeffries of today is not the Jeffries of yore!

Five years ago Jeffries fought and easily defeated "Jack" Munroe, the Montana miner, and then retired from the ring. The Californian said as there was not a worthy opponent in sight he would retire from the ring, never again to enter. Before Jeffries' retirement, "Jack" Johnson had loomed above the pugilistic horizon and thrown down the gauntlet to the former champion. Jeffries promptly drew the color line, and no amount of persuasion could get the lion of the sporting world to face the colored speed marvel in the arena.

Unlike Sam Langford and Joe Walcott, who, by their quick victories over their opponents, achieved the name of giant killers, and thereby robbed themselves of the opportunity to become middle-weight champions.

That Johnson has shown rare business tact since he first became conspicuous in the public's eyes cannot be denied. Had he not fought his battles systematically and shown his true from he would have never figured in that sensational battle in Sidney, Australia, and wrested the title from the French-Canadian.

It took Dan A. Stuart two years to match James J. Corbett for his memorable battle with Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City, Nevada.

It has taken public opinion, the leading prize-fight promoters of this country, five years, as well as a purse of $101,000, with two-third per cent. of the moving picture privileges, to finally induce Jeffries to sign articles for a match, and even now the public need not rest assured that Jeffries will fight until they see the massive form of the giant Californian crawl through the ropes on the Fourth of July. Should Johnson emerge from the contest a victor, and the same seems more possible than probable, he would bid fair to remain champion for many years to come.

With the exception of Jeffries, Sam Langford is the only logical opponent for the champion's crown, and the physical advantages of the champion over Langford are so great that the public would hardly concede the latter a chance. When Johnson's hair has been touched by the frosty fingers of father time, and when nature has robbed that lithe form of muscle, bone, flesh and grit, and grit of it's speed and stamina, the public will have seen in his passing the marvel of the age, and the greatest ring general in the realms of pugilism.

VERY NEAR IT.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Dear Sir—Replying to your baseball query, in which you desire to know "Can any one answer it?" I beg to say that the play you mention could happen in this way: The batter hits the ball to left field, which is fielded on first bound from fence by left fielder from fence; in meantime, all three base runners score, and the ball is then relayed to third baseman, trying to catch the man, who hit the ball, at third base. The throw was received to late for this, but some one on the team noticed the hitter did not touch first base and the ball was relayed by the third baseman to the man on first, who touched first base, thus putting the man who hit the ball out. The man who hit the ball, not touching first base, was, therefore, out, and could not be recorded a safe hit, although the runners could score on the hit.

Please state in your next issue if I am not correct.

Yours truly,
L. V. EGGLESTON.
707½ N. Third street, Richmond, Va.

MANAGER FUQUA'S IDEA.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Sir—In answer to your baseball query I will say that the infield was excited very much to allow three runs in on one hit, and the ball must have been hit to center field, and center fielder, attempting to throw the second man out going home, and the ball thrown short of home-plate and catcher having to run in on the ball, and pitcher failing to cover home-plate, the second runner crosses; then the last runner at third, and the batter, crossing second and half way between second and third, starts back to second, but is thrown out by catcher; but man at third scores, causing three runs.

JAMES W. FUQUA.
Manager Fuqua Giants Baseball Club, Chicago, Ill.

DUSTY RHODES' THEORY.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

I take great pleasure in answering the question in your last issue in regard to how three men can score without a hit or an error. I find that the play can be easily executed by three late throws. First, three men on base, the batter hits to the short stop; the batter beats the throw to first and man scores from third; first baseman returns the ball to the and examples. It takes a great deal of scheming, some wire pulling, a lot of catcher and runner on first starts for second; then catcher throws to second and man on third scores; second baseman returns the ball to catcher, but man on third scores. I find that three men have scored and second baseman gets the put-out; first baseman and the catcher, an assist.

DUSTY RHODES.
Chicago, Ill.

CORRECT ANSWER.

Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

I herewith enclose you the answer which I know to be correct to your baseball inquiry in the in THE FREEMAN Sporting Column.

The batter hit a drive up against the fence, which scored the three men. But in turning he failed to touch the bag. The right fielder threw to second baseman, who, in turn, relayed the ball to first, and the umpire called the batter out. As he did not reach the first base his drive could not go as a hit, but as there were none out the three runs counted. The right fielder and second baseman get assists and the first baseman gets a put-out.

Sincerely,
New York. NAT. C. STRONG.

Others who sent the correct answer were as follows: S. R. Hoston, manager Pittsburg Giants, New York City; W. E. Houston, Bowling Green, Ky.

CHAMPION JACK WAS BETTER YEARS AGO.

The Old Saying That "Opportunity Makes the Man" Is to Some Extent Verified in Johnson's Case.

New York, January 4.—Opportunity may not always make the man, but if you want a good, safe bet, put a small blue stack on the proposition that opportunity makes the prize-ring champion.

You don't believe it, eh? You think that an ace is always an ace, no matter where it lies in the deck. Very true, old horse, but it takes some shuffling to get that ace to the top where you can turn it over.

It takes more than a forty horse power wallop and an iron jaw to make a champion of the world, and with these tools alone few men have ever been able to tear their way through to a title. Write that in your old brown hat.

Let's step down and look.

Five years ago a big, tall Negro was fighting around the country. He was a better fighter then than he is today, because he had had sufficient experience in the ring, and he was five years further away from the hair-line, where a man begins to stop going forward and prepares to take the back track. This fellow was fast, he was clever and he could hit some when, the spirit moved him—which wasn't very often, it is true—but in those days he was regarded as a sort of a Major General of the Pork and Bean Brigade. At the present time, no better as a fighter and possibly not quite as good, this same man is the heavyweight champion of the world. Now what kept him pan-handling the pugilistic Rialto for so long? Lack of opportunity, that's all. And it's usually enough, too.

It isn't always a man's color that keeps him in meal-ticket company. Young Corbett was white, but he was a prize pork and beaner until Santa Claus slipped a chance into his stocking. Young Corbett was a cracking good preliminary fighter—when he cared to fight—but if it hadn't been for the chance to meet Terry McGovern, Billy would now be down and out of Denver instead of New York. You see, it's made a difference of about 2,000 miles to him.

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It is quite possible that Joey Gans might still be the light-weight champion of the world, but for his making one match which seemed to him very much to the tapioca. On the night when Jimmy Britt annoyed Bat Nelson's beefsteak for twenty rounds, Joe sat at the ringside and whooped in his great grief, because he had not been the one to write "Finis" at the end of Bat's ring record.

"O-o-o-o-h! If I only had you in the ring tonight!" yelled Joe, "what I'd do to YOU!"

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Later Joe made a match with Nelson. It seemed like soft money after what Britt had done to the Dane. In seventeen rounds Bat stepped in close and jolted the famous mulatto to the floor, and there was a new champion of the world. After Bat's wretched showing against Britt, Gans had a perfect right to refuse to meet him, but he gave Bat the chance, and the Durable One made the most of it.

Everybody thought that Jim Corbett was a chesty sort of a sapling to ask for a fight with the great and only "yours-truly-always-on-the-level," John L. Sullivan. John was not forced to make that match. There was no great popular clamor for a meeting with Corbett. Everybody in the East was too busy asking where this fellow Corbett 'tended bar. John might have said, "Run away, little boy, and sell your papers," and 90 per cent. of the sporting men would have applauded his action. But that winner-take-all-of-the-purse thing sounded good to John, and he gave a younger man a chance. That chance made a new champion, and dumped the greatest pugilistic idol the country has ever known.

Jim Jeffries hadn't really placed himself in line for the championship by his battles with Ruhlin, Choynski, Tom Sharkey, Peter Jackson and other spirits of great ones gone before. New York got one look at him and cried, "Take him away."

WALTER BALL.

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He was such an outsider in the betting that strong men wept because they could not find any one to take their 3 to 1 on Fitz.

"Just a little more raw meat," said Fitz, cheerfully.

And he woke up to find that the big, rough boy from California had cashed in his opportunity for a championship. If a champion hadn't fought him, Jeff might be a pork-and-beaner today. Think it over.

How long was Stanley Ketchel ramming around the Western country half killing dubs? Nobody ever heard his name until a near champion needed pocket money and agreed to fight an unknown. I venture to say that "Steve" was just as dangerous then as he is now. Fate cut the cards, brought him to the top of the deck, and lo! a nice red ace.

I might go on multiplying incidents plugging in newspapers and some gilt-edged luck to jockey a good fighter to the front of the buch when the class is crowded. A fighter cannot make for himself a reputation better than that of the men he has whipped, and that's another prize-ring axiom that you can go away and bet on.

Many a man of quality has remained in the hungry division through no lack of ability. For a dark and shining example, see Langford, page 138 in the record book—away back out of sight.

Suppose it had been Langford whom Burns had picked while he was selecting dark meat? Langford would be the heavy-weight champion of the world and Jack Johnson would be going around with his hat in his hand saying, "Mister, won't you please give me a li'l fight?"

If you don't believe that, match Burns and Langford and see what happens to "Tawmy."

C. E. VAN LOAN.

PRIZE RING PURSES OF TODAY

And Those of Twenty Years Ago.

"It must be that fighters are like ancient coins or time-stained canvases painted by the old masters. The rarer they become t,he bigger the prices they command."

This was the comment of a fellow—not to the manner born—on hearing that Jeffries and Johnson are to receive a cool quarter million in spot cash and picture profits for strutting around a roped platform and making passes at each other with upholstered hands.

What hastened the remark was the added information that the sum offered Jeffries and Johnson—irrespective of their share in the picture project—is the record of records in the matter of purses for prize fights.

It is more than that. It is astounding—yes, breath-snatching; almost unbelievable.

Twenty years ago Peter Jackson, champion of Austriala and undeniable the best heaveyweight ever produced in Kangarooland, came to San Francisco, bringing his badge of superiority—his championship belt—with him. He was matched with Joe McAuliffe, the then "pride of San Francisco," as Billy Jordan would say, and the whole world watched for the result of the international contest.

There were no eat-'em-alive cameras in those days and Jackson and McAuliffe received $3,000 from the California Athletic Club for their services. It's a far cry from $3,000 to $101,000—not to mention the film phase of it—and one question which naturally suggests itself is—do they fight any better now than they did then?

They do not ;so that there is not to be found the reason for the increased value of hooks and uppercuts. There were no individual promoters in those days, though, and no particular dearth of fighting material. Nor was there until scarcity of worthy opponents which forced Jeffries into retirement caused Johnson, comparatively few years ago. The same once he began to forge to the front, to stand forth a world-beater among a herd of incompetents. Outside of Johnson no heavyweight of true championship caliber has appeared on the pugilistic horizon since Jeffries won and laid down his laurels years ago.

That is why—the unholy longing for an old-time championship battle having seized us—we have yanked Jeffries out of retirement and allowed him to name his own price. That price, incindentally, would never have been so high only for this new idea of selling fights for the championship the way they sell "December wheat" in the pit.

Let us hope Tex Rickard will not have occasion to regret that he allowed himself to be drawn into the vortex.

Judging from the emoluments commanded by Jeffries and Johnson a man in whom an interest in ring happenings was newly awagening might be led to picture the pugilistic domain as a section thickly peoples with cubs and would-be champions, all clamoring for recognition and reaching out for big money.

THE SPIKE QUESTION AN ISSUE.

By Harry Daniels.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A good deal has been said about the spike question, and I have gone on record as favoring some preventation of accidents resulting from them. I think it will have the godspeed of every player and fan, but it is very doubtful if anything will be done in the matter, for the very good reason that it is impossible, as no substitute for spikes has been found, nor is likely to be found. The metal on the sole of the base ball shoe must be sharp in order to cut into the ground, even though hard, as is often the case, sufficiently to keep the player from slipping, and to obviate the physical ills that would result from walking on these "little stilts" if the sole of the foot did not rest solidly on the ground. Nor can the simple expediency of making it illegal to "slide feet first be employed, for the reason that one of the finer points of the game would undoubtedly be greatly harmed.

After all, has not too great a weight been given to the so-called "evil" of spiking? No lives have been lost, the aggregate number of injuries from spikes is comparatively small, and few, if any, of these injuries have been permanent, or even serious. If the injuries that have occurred are so momentous, why not abolish speedy and enigmatical pitching on the grounds that the danger to the catcher is too great!

It is not impossible that statistics will show that the number of broken fingers and torn-off nails suffered by the catchers will far outweigh all injuries to be attributed to spikes. A ball game, played by matured men in seasoned, physical condition, is not meant to be parlor tennis, or even ping-pong; nor can it be allowed, for one moment, that any of "the spiking accidents" are intentional, except in rare, very, very rare cases.

The number of players of all the thousands engaged (colored and white) in professional base ball who spike with intent—more than that, who do not exercise every precaution possible to avoid spiking opponents—can be counted on the fingers of two hands. Any player will attest the truth of this assertion, for it is based on the knowledge every "dirty" player possessed—that he can not spike intentionally; he can not even avoid trying to spike without its becoming known to his opponents. He knows that it does not take long to gain a reputation as an intentional "spiker," and that from the moment such a reputation is made he becomes a marked man against whom every man's hand and foot is turned.

The players who "gets" will be "gotten," and very quickly. The "spiking evil" isn't so alarming as it has been made out to be.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Robinson, of Kalamazoo, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Effie Finn....Mrs. Shelton has returned home after a pleasant visit in Pennsylvania....Mrs. Owens is very sick with pneumonia....Mrs. David Wagner, who has been removed to her home from the hospital, is convalescent. ....Mrs. Doo, of Chatham, Ont., has returned home after a very pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Anna Hall....Quarterly meeting services at Arnett Chapel last Sunday were well attended. Rev. C. E. Allen, the presiding elder, preached two very impressive sermons, morning and evening. Rev. Weller, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered the sacramental sermon. Rev. Craven is assisting Rev. Joseph Evans in a series of revival meetings....Little Paul Thomas is ill with typhoid fever....Miss Ida Jones, of Lansing, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Marthat Williams....Mr. Lamb has returned from Cleveland....Happy Bill Briggs played in vaudeville at the Lyric last week. He will no doubt be booked for an early return engagement....The furniture season is at its height. Wholesale and retail furniture dealers from all parts of the country are here to meet the dealers and inspect their samples....The G. R. furniture shops offer excellent opportunities to Negro men skilled in furniture trades.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There is a great deal of sickness in this part of the country, and there have been several deaths....Quitman gets a trade of about $150 weekly from Mineola. Nearly everybody goes to Quitman but the President, and he was only ten miles from there when he was in Mineola....The people in this part of the country all want to pay poll tax before February 7....Mr. Dennis King has rented the Sanford farm. Dennis, like others, don't fail to make cotton.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The members of the Second Baptist Church have called Rev. V. S. Cooper, of Chicago, as pastor. Sunday services, preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All invited to attend....The young married people of this city will organize a society at the home of Mrs. S. L. Henderson, Wednesday evening....Revival meetings are being carried on at the A. M. E. Church with great success....Mr. J. H. Lewis is on the sick list....Mrs. D. Burns entertained the Pastor's Aid Thursday.

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Mrs. Celia Stewart is improving at her home in West Eleventh street.

Mrs. Julia Turner, of Peru, Ind., was in the city the first of the week.

Miss Elma Carr, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in the city the first of this week.

Mr. Harry Gardner, of Dayton, O., was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones have gone to Hamilton, O., for an indefinite stay.

Miss Edna Scott, who underwent an operation at Lincoln Hospital is able to be up.

Cary B. Lewis, of Louisville, Ky., gencity this week en route home from Chicago.

The Lottos will meet with Miss Luella Hibbitts tonight at her home on North Missouri street.

Miss Mayme L. Hunter has returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives at St. Louis.

Mr. Thomas Peroe, of Buxton, Iowa, is very much in evidence as a delegate to the United Miners' convention.

The ladies of Indianapolis will find real bargains in the sample sale of womens shoes which is on Saturday at the J. & K. shoe store.

Miss Virginia Fleming, a student of the State Blind Institute, will appear in a piano and organ recital at Jones Tabernacle Feb. 1.

Mrs. Ida Cushingberry, formerly of this city, now of Cincinnati, was in the city this week to attend the funeral of her father, Van Buren Sloss.

If you are going to buy shoes you will profit by reading carefully the advertisement of the J. & K. shoe store, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

St. Phillips P. E. Church, corner West and Walnut streets. Special service at 3:45 p. m. All confirmed members are asked to be present. The public is invited. Rev. Lewis Brown, Ph. D., rector.

Such bargains are seldom offered as are quoted at the J. & K. shoe store for ladies only. The sale is on Saturday. Splendid bargains in ladies high-grade sample shoes that cost $4.50 going at $1.50 and $1.95 the pair. oG early and avoid the rush.

There are a lot of sample shoes to be disposed of at the J. & K. shoe store. This store is located at 30 North Pennsylvania street. In the stock will be found ladies shoes of all styles and designs. Shoes that sold for $3.50, $4.00 and $4.50, your choice for $1.50 and $1.95.

Special services will be held at St. Phillips Episcopal Church tomorrow at 3:45. The occasion is the tenth anniversary of Dr. Brown's stay in this city, and all persons who have been presented by him for confirmation are especially urged to be present. Bring your friends.

The revival meeting being conducted at Bethel Church is proving a great spiritual blessing to many. Several persons have been converted and believers greatly strengthened. Rev. Hunter, the singing evangelist, will preach Sunday morning and Dr. Smythe will preach at 7:30 p. m., subject, "Silence in Heaven for Half an hour." The second "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" will be held at 3:30 p. m. A fine program has been prepared and all friends are cordially invited.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church will render a special program Sabbath evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Athem by the choir. Invocation. Song by the choir and congregation. Address, "Our Y. P. C. U.," by the president. Solo, Miss Pearl D. Reed. Paper, "The Young Woman and the Church," Miss Hilda L. Reeder. Quartette, Mr. L. A. Lewis, Miss Pearl Reed, Mr. H. T. Thompson, Mrs. Daisy Brabham. Paper, "The Young Man and the Church," Dr. A. B. Cleage. Solo, Mr. L. A. Lewis.

MRS. VIOLA BARTLETT DEAD.

Mrs. Viola Bartlett, age 61, died Tuesday at 4:30 p. m., at her home at 631 St. Clair street. The funeral services were held at the home of the deceased last Thursday afternoon, at 2 p. m. Rev. T. A. Smythe conducted the services. Mrs. Bartlett was one of the oldest members of Bethel A. M. E. Church. Four daughters survive her.

DEATH BRINGS DESTITUTION.

Mr. Frank Barnes, age 35, and well-known tailor about town, died at his home in East Pratt street, last Sunday evening. He leaves a widow and four children. Mrs. Barnes is an invalid, and the children being small, death in the family has left them in destitute circumstances. The K. of P. order has begun raising a fund to help the family. Everybody is requested to donate.

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MEMORIAL MEETING.

The Elizabeth C. Carter Council, a temporary organization composed of the colored women's clubs belonging to the State Federation of Colored Clubs, held an interesting meeting at the home of its president, Mrs. Melvina Smith, in Yandes street, during the week. The object of the organization is to formulate plans for the entertainment of the annual meeting of the state federation, to be held in this city next May. The meeting was in the nature of a memorial, the council having lost by death during the last two months its secretary, Mrs. Anna C. Clayborn, and Mrs. Asenath Artis, of Marion, the state organizer, who was indirectly associated with the council. Nine of the eleven city clubs were represented at the meeting.

The memorial exercises were in charge of Mrs. Minnie Scott, the state president. Mrs. Gertrude Hill, president of the Research Club, of which Mrs. Clayborn was a member, paid a tribute to her life. Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox, of the Woman's Improvement Club, spoke on the career of Mrs. Asenath Artis. oBth women had been active, not only in club work, but in church and missionary work as well. Formal resolutions were drawn up by the council.

It was decided to abandon for the present the woman's day exercises, held annually to raise a fund for the educational fund which the colored clubs of the state maintain and to raise the fund by special contribution. The next meeting of the council will be held the third Tuesday in February.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

"Hoosier, Who's Here," will be the subject of a strong address to be delivered by Mr. Jas. M. Ogden at the Monster Meeting on Sunday afternoon, at 3 p. m., which will be held at Jones Tabernacle Church. Mr. Ogden is a Monster Meeting favorite, and a large attendance is assured. Eugene B. Reed will sing a solo. The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra and Glee Club will be on the program. The doors will open just as the program begins, which is 3 o'clock. All men are invited to attend.

The Tuesday night Bible class holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p. m. All men are invited to attend this class.

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The cantata entitled "Jeptha's Daughter," renderel last Tuesday night by the Ladies' Social Club, was well attended and proved to be a very successful entertainment. Much credit is due the management for the acceptable way in which the drama was rendered.

The members of the church will please not forget quarterly meeting at Walters' Chapel. The increased attendance at the Sunday school is very marked. It meets every Sunday at the close of the morning service.

It is hoped that an extra effort will be made by members and friends to meet with the Christian Endeavor Society, that meets at 6:30 p. m.

The Pastor's Club will meet in the vestry of the church Tuesday evening, at 8:00 p. m.

The pastor's subject Sunday, 10:45 a. m., will be "Peter's Denial of His Lord;" for 7:30, "David's Victory Over Saul."

ELKS HAVE BANQUET.

Delightful Social Session of the Local Order Brings Out Many of the Antlered Herd—Many Impressive Toasts.

The local order of Elks had a delightful social session and banquet in their lodge rooms in North California street last Thursday night. The newly elected officers were installed and the program was of such a varied nature that the fun was carried on until after 12 o'clock. The membership represented was the largest that has been out for some time. Many interesting toasts were responded to. Among the speakers were: W. J. I. Reed, Past E. R., who responded to the toast, "What Is Elkdom?" Sec. J. G. Johnson, "The Grand Lodge;" Dr. J. W. Norrell, the newly installed E. R., "Why Young Men Should Be Elks;" Past E. R. James N. Shelton, "Promotion of Elkdom in Indianapolis;" Past E. R. Lucas B. Willis, "Morality Among Elks;" Colonel N. P. Gardner recited a very beautiful poem, "To Our Friends," which was well received. J. D. Howard was chosen toastmaster.

The local lodge of Elks is rapidly forging to the front as the leading fraternal order in the city. They are solid financially and are making preparations to purchase an Elks Rest which will be conducted on the same principuple as are the white Elks' Rests throughout the country.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN MEET

A banquet of colored business and professional men was held at Gray's cafe, in Indiana avenue, last night, under the auspices of the Negro Business League of Indianapolis. This league has for its object the encouragement of business enterprises among the colored people and is a branch of the national organization of which Booker T. Washington is president. The banquet was attended by about fifty representative men and addresses were made on business topics. Plans are on foot to conduct a membership campaign in the near future. The league now has about seventy-five members.

George P. Stewart, the president of the local league, acted as toastmaster. Talks were made by Walter Hodge, M. W. Turner, W. W. Hyde, G. L. Knox, Dr. S. A. Furniss and others. The league meets the first and third Friday nights of the month at 536 Indiana avenue.

REVIVAL MEETING REPORTS.

Second Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. B. J. Prince, pastor. Revival yet in progress to close with the ordinance of baptism by the pastor at Corinthian Bapist Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. To date there has been 112 additions to the membership of this great church. A six months' five thousaid dollar rally for the remodeling of the old church edifice begins Monday, Jan. 31. Dr. Prince has made a remarkable record since his induction to the pastorate of this great church. He is a most successful organizer and financier, one of the best in the denomination.

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COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
No. 18494.
William Nettles vs. Hiram Bellew.
Complaint to foreclose real estate.

Be it known, that on the 30th day of October, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Hiram Bellew, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Hiram Bellew, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and above action is for foreclosure of certain mortgage on certain real estate situated in Marion County, Indiana, as described in complaint, and said defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 15th day of March, 1910.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of March, 1910, the same being the 8th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March, 1910, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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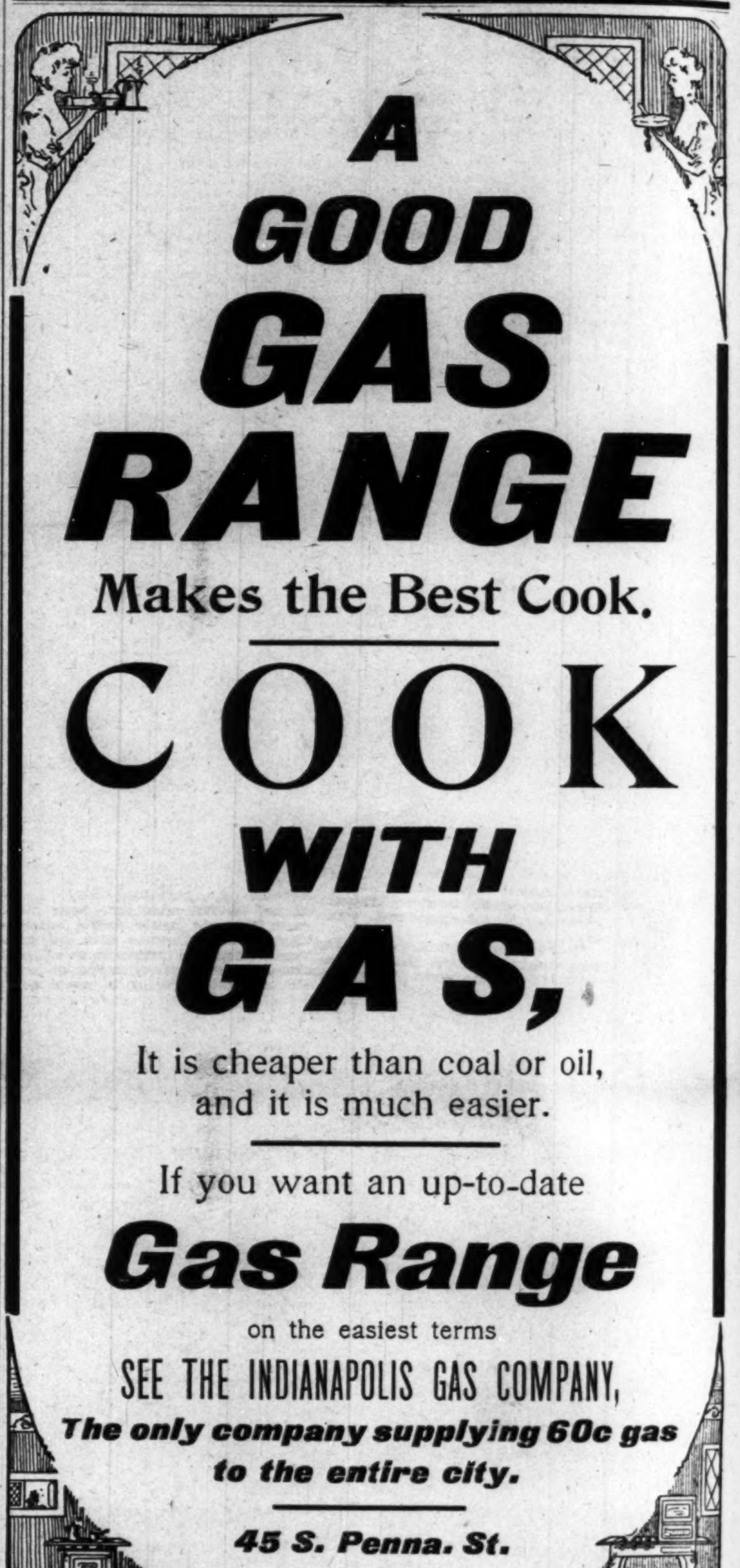

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